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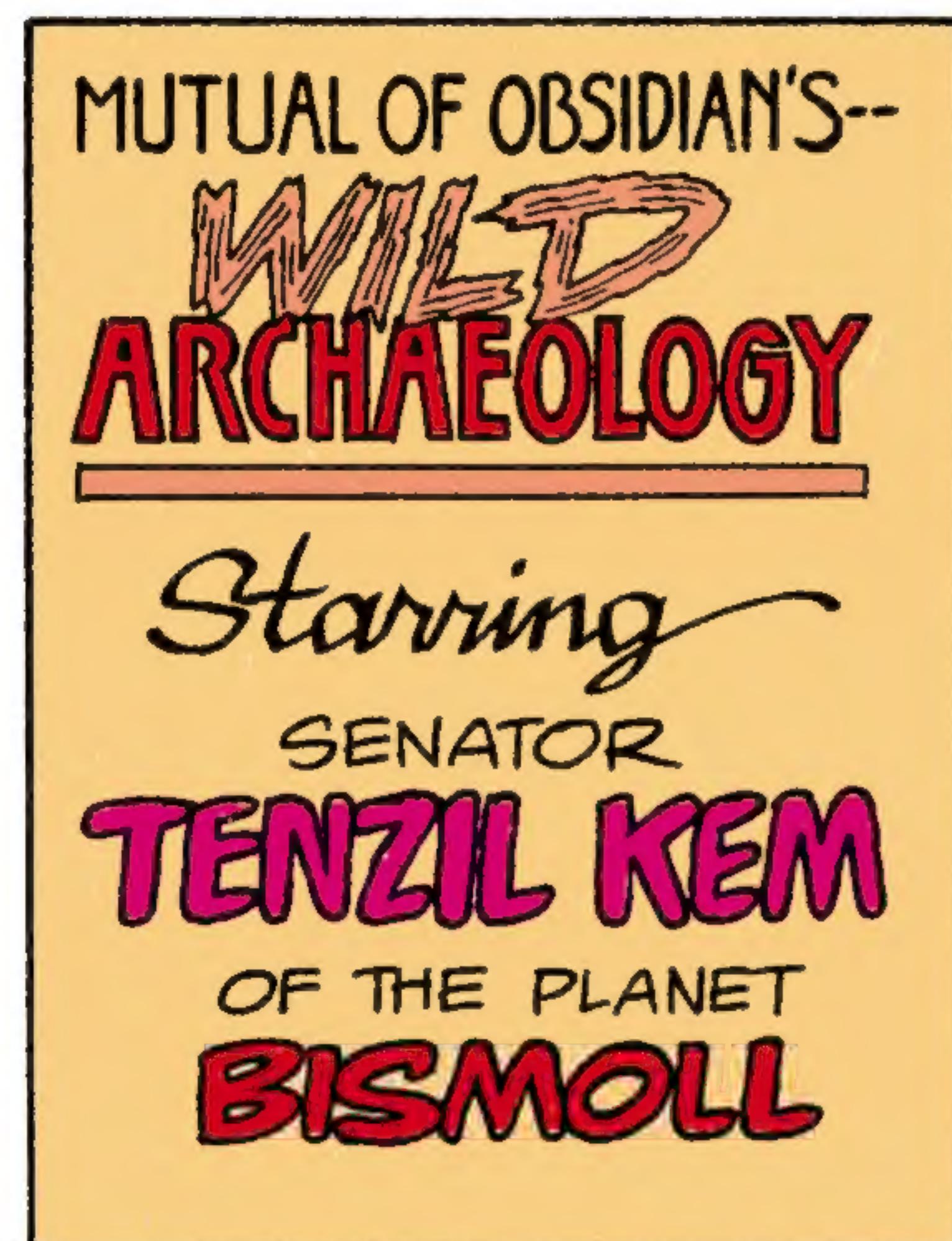
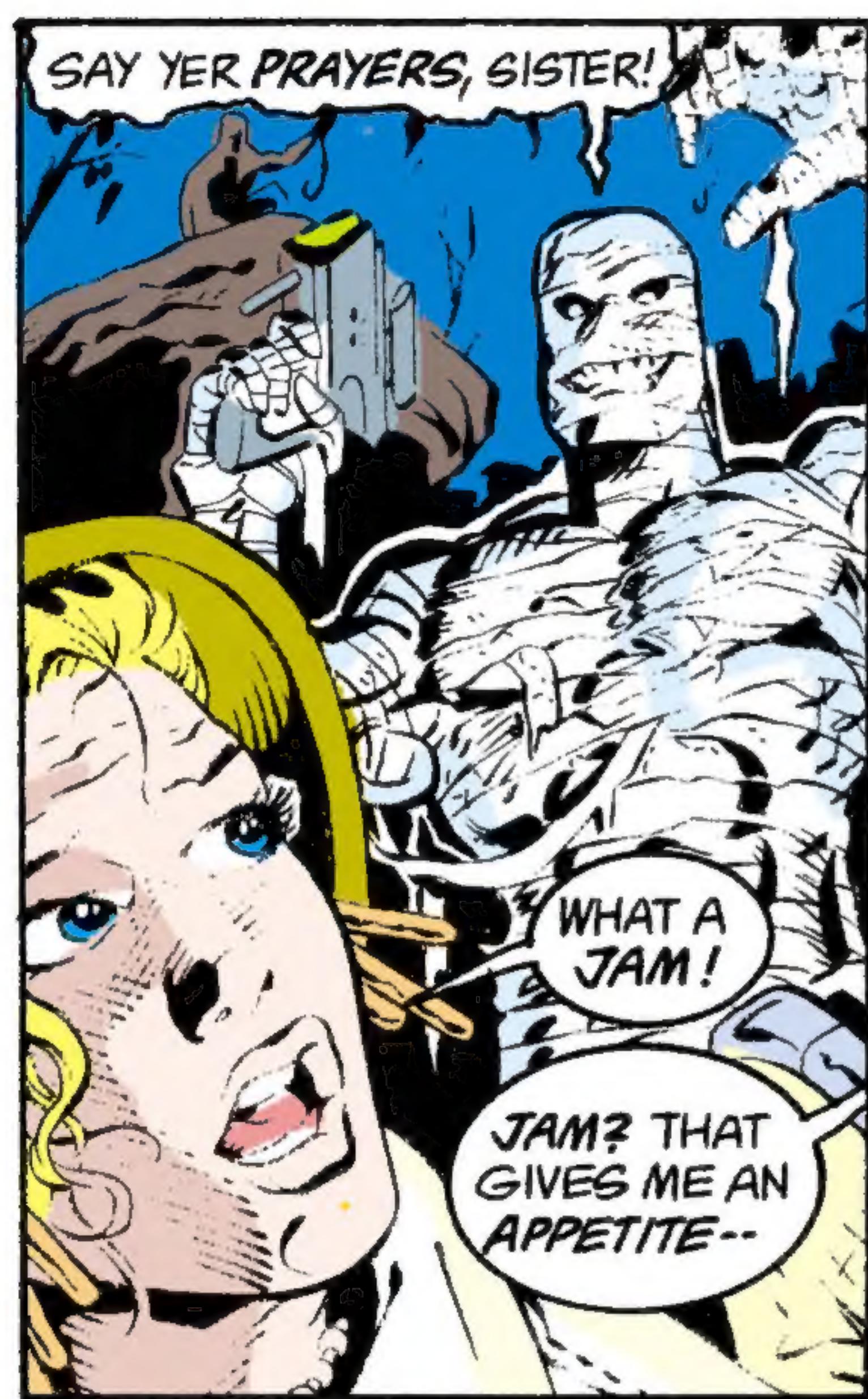
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TEZIL KEM TAKES A  
BITE OUT OF CRIME!™



# WINATHIAN HOLOCASTING CORPORATION NEWS BULLETIN

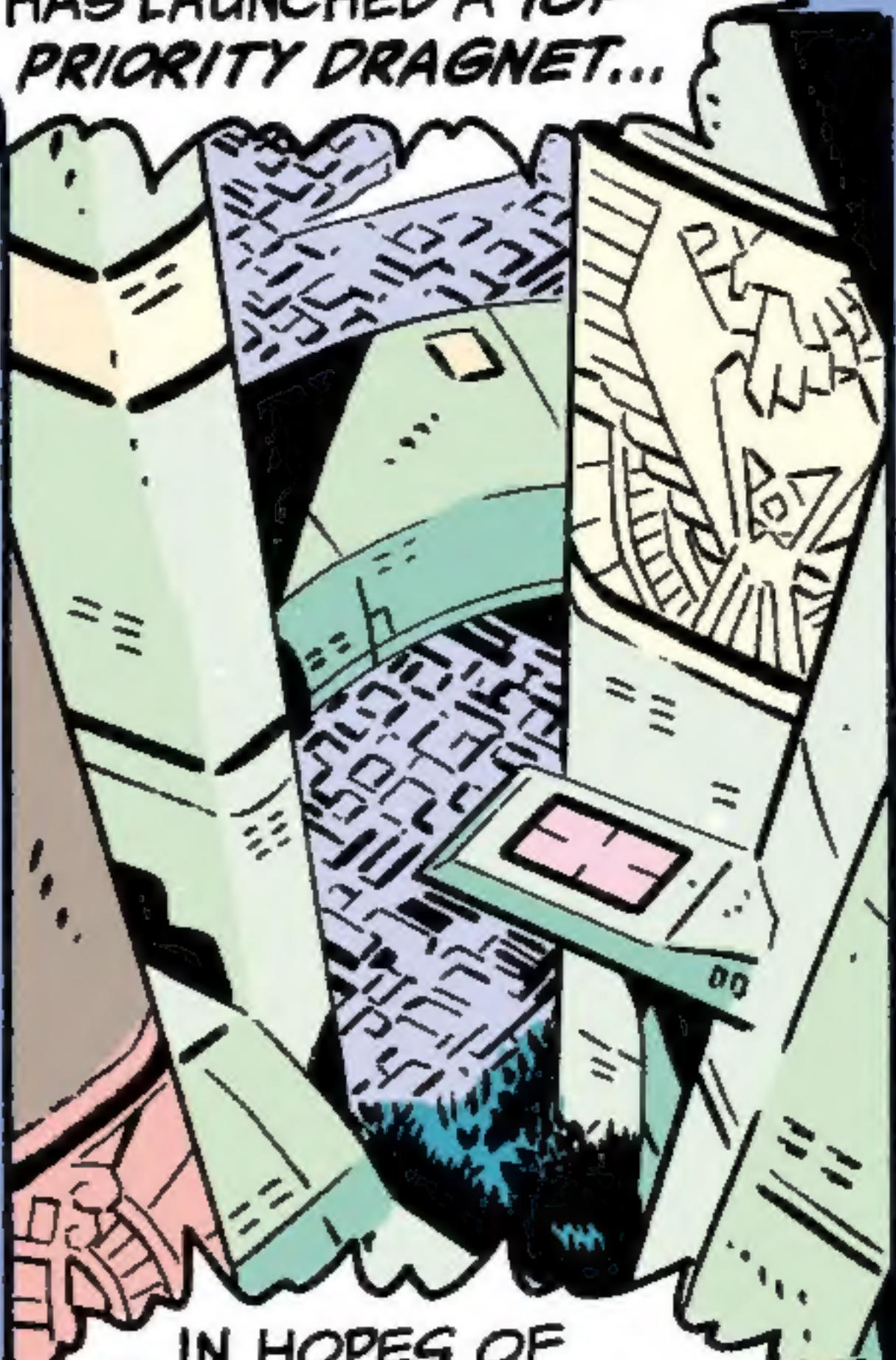
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PROGRAM FOR THE FOLLOWING  
NEWS BULLETIN...

WINATHIAN RESIDENTS IN THE  
BLOOMFIELD DISTRICT ARE BEING  
URGED TO EXERCISE EXTREME  
CAUTION AND TO STAY INDOORS  
IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.



THIS MAN, KIVUN ROXXAS,  
IS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE AREA  
AND IS CONSIDERED QUITE  
DANGEROUS.

SCIENCE POLICE WINATH  
HAS LAUNCHED A TOP-  
PRIORITY DRAGNET...



...IN HOPES OF  
LOCATING ROXXAS AND  
BRINGING HIM INTO CUSTODY.

AN OFFICER IN THE FIELD  
GAVE US THIS COMMENT...



WE BELIEVE THE SUSPECT  
DID VIOLENTLY ATTACK THE  
LIGHTING RING PLANTATION. WE'RE  
URGING EXTREME CAUTION.



AMONG THOSE THOUGHT TO  
HAVE BEEN INJURED BY ROXXAS IS  
WINATHIAN MEKT RANZZ, FORMERLY  
THE VILLAINOUS LIGHTNING LORD.

AND THIS FULL LIST OF  
CASUALTIES HAS BEEN  
REPORTED BY EARTHGOV  
NEWS...

**BELIEVED DEAD**  
Reep Daggie  
Jo Nah

**EXTREMELY GRAVE CONDITION**  
Celeste Rockfish

**STABLE CONDITION**  
Bounty  
Mekt Ranzz

**ALLERGIC REACTION**  
Devlin O'Ryan

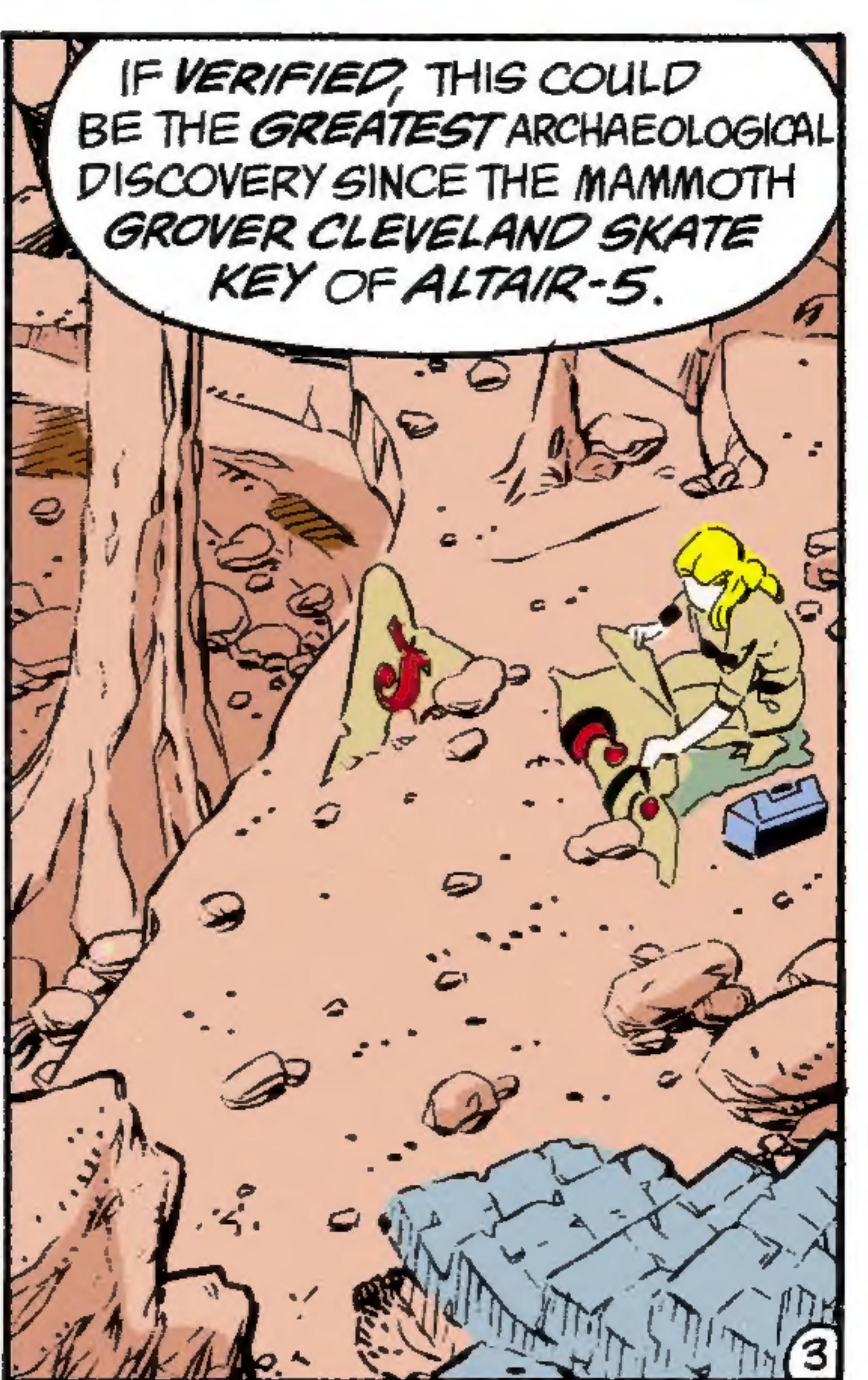
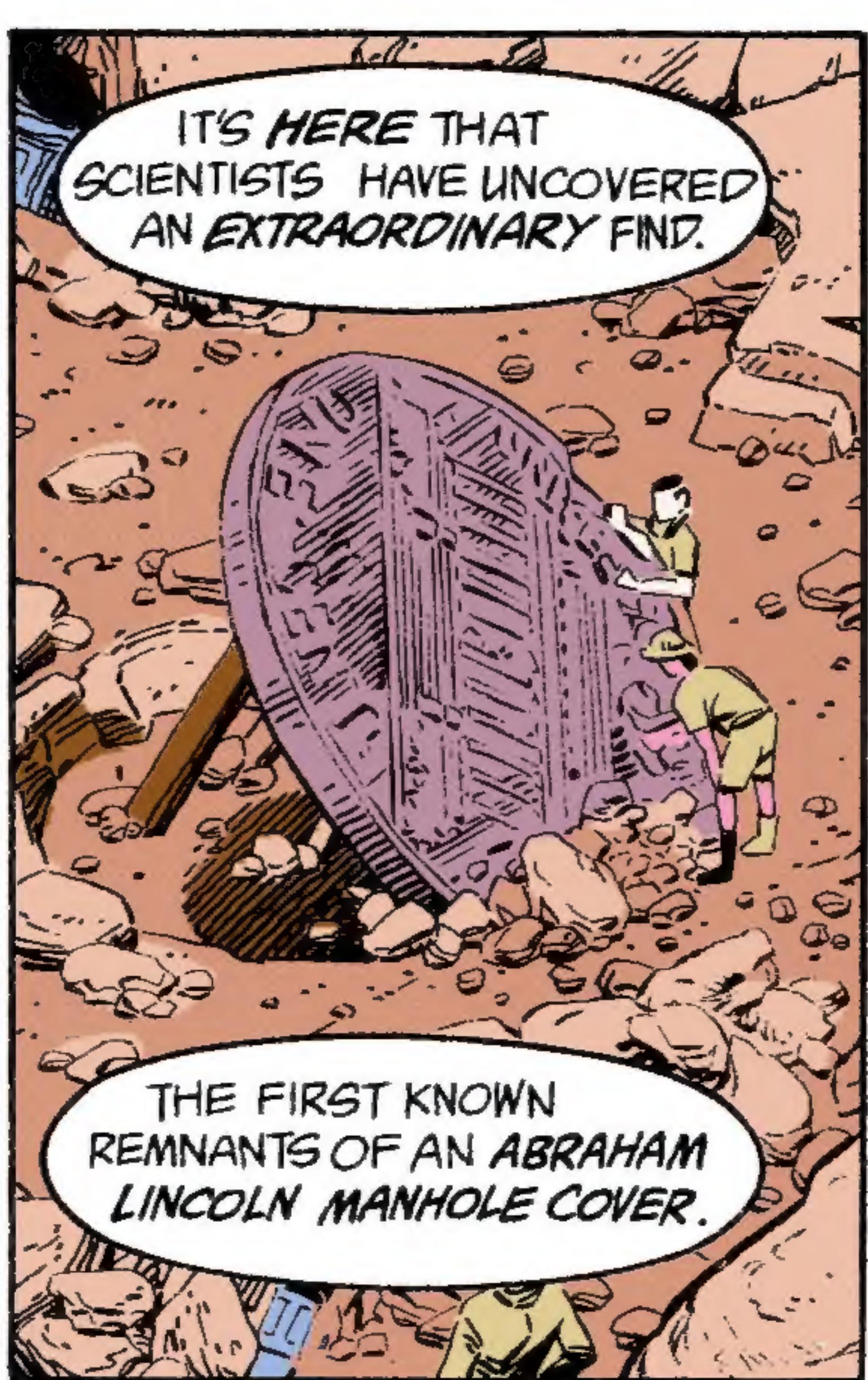
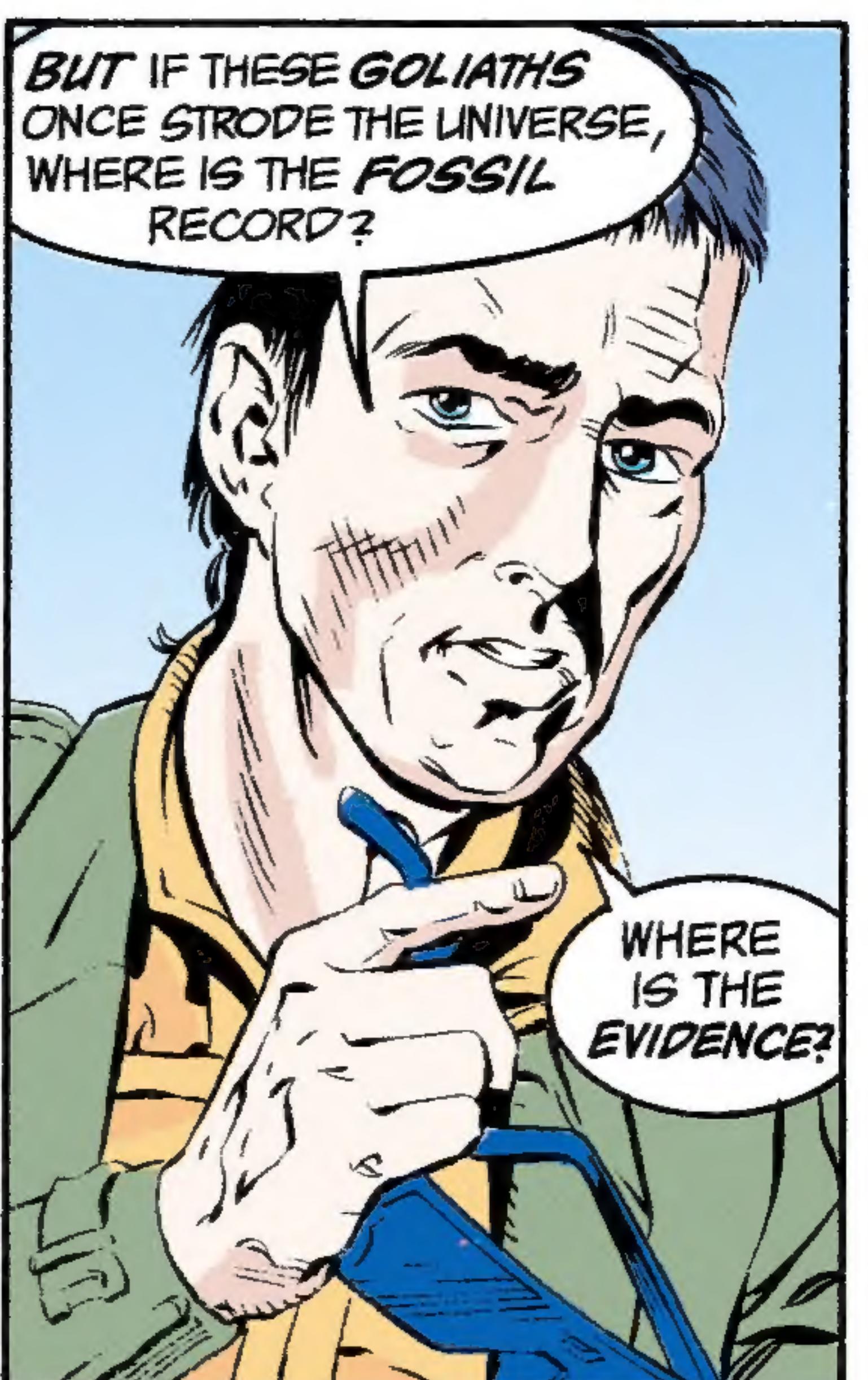
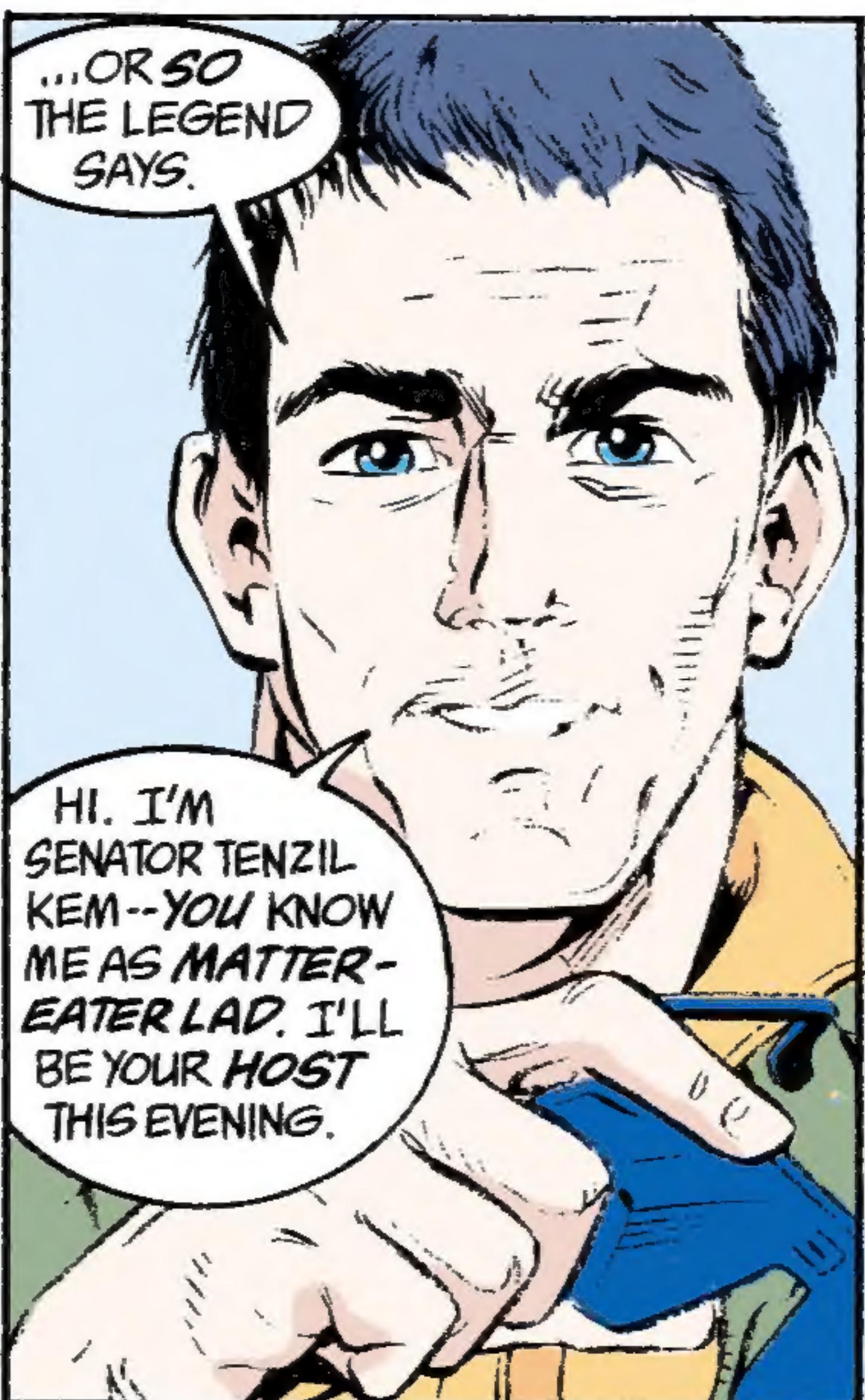
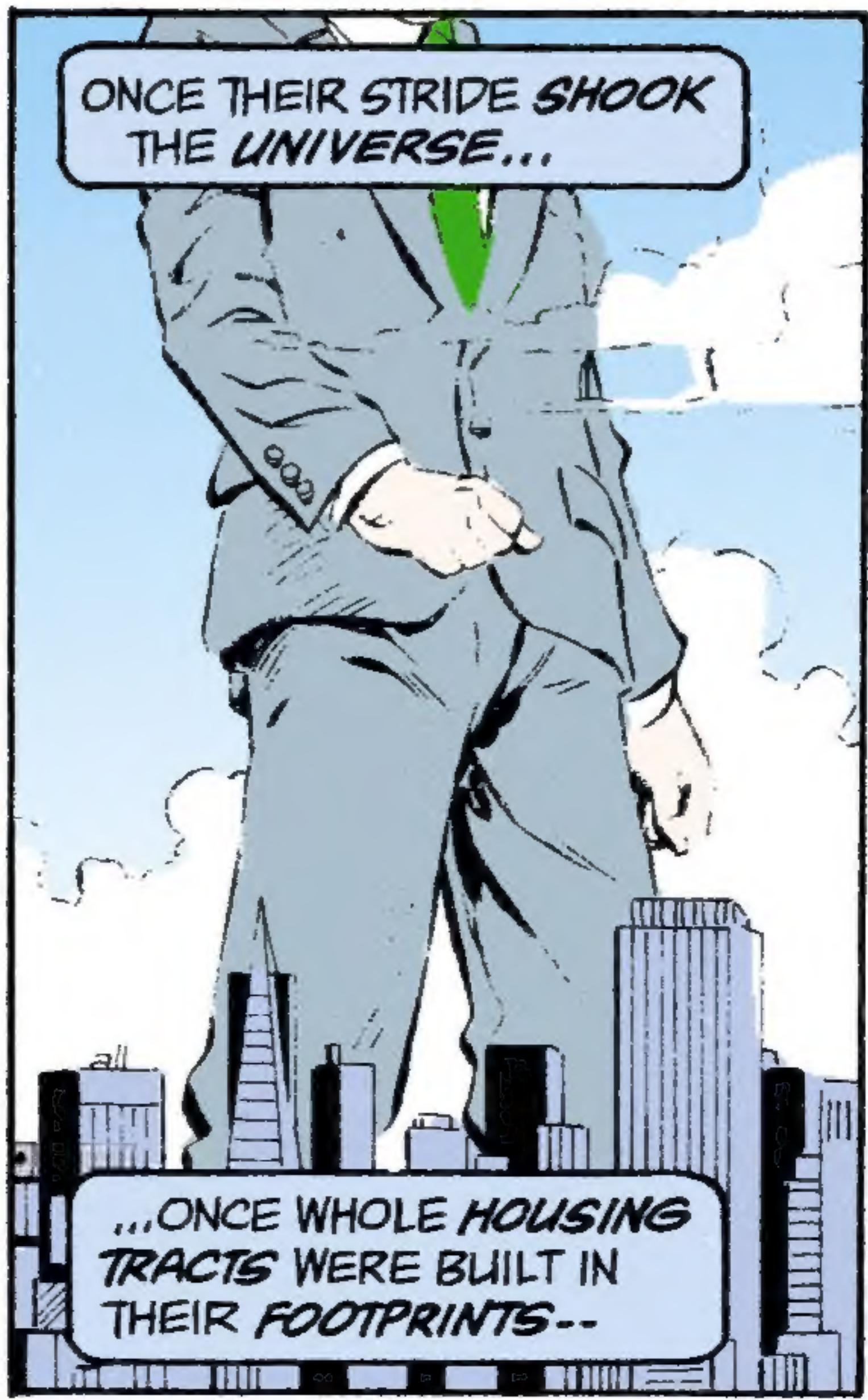
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BEEN CONFIRMED...

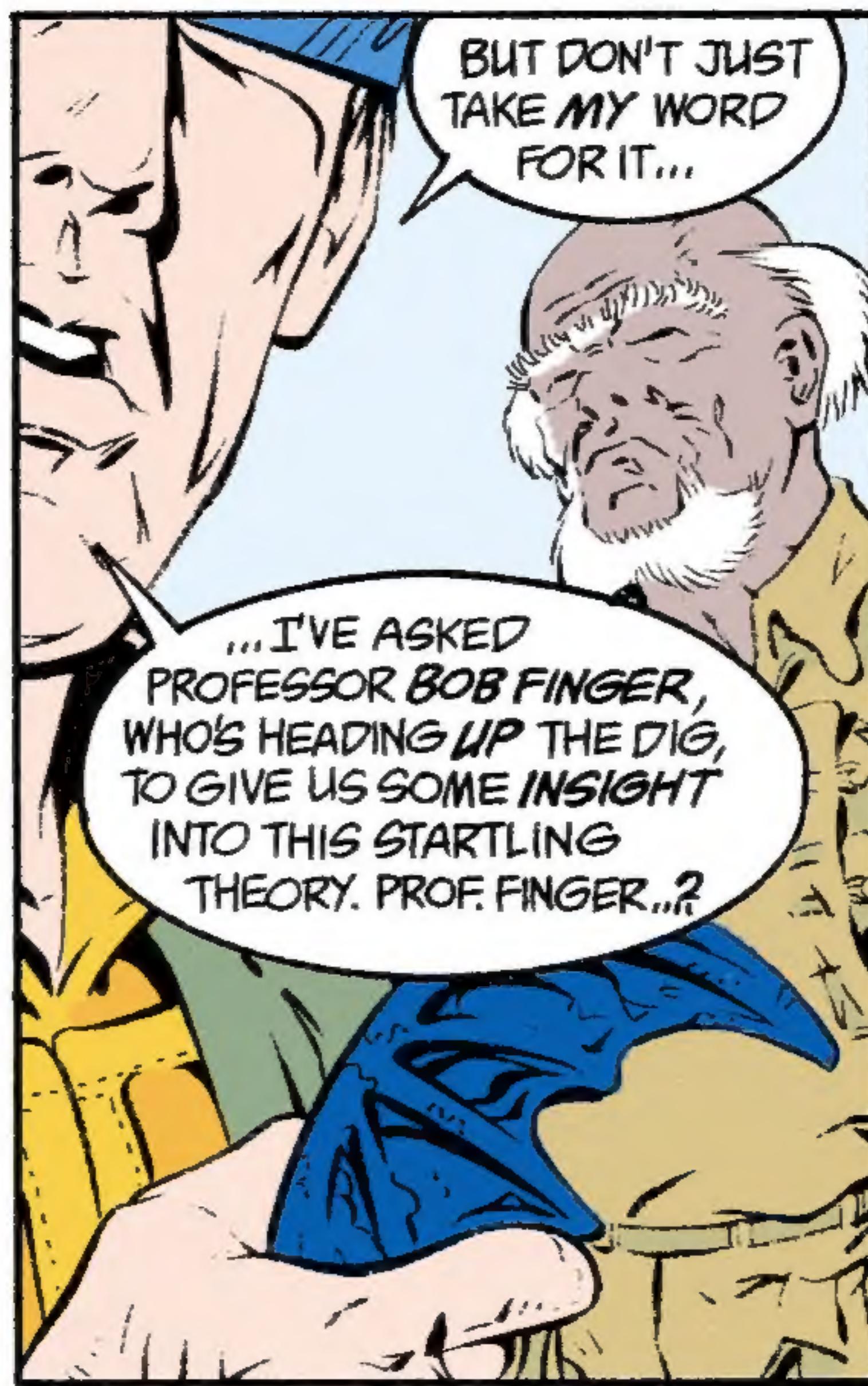
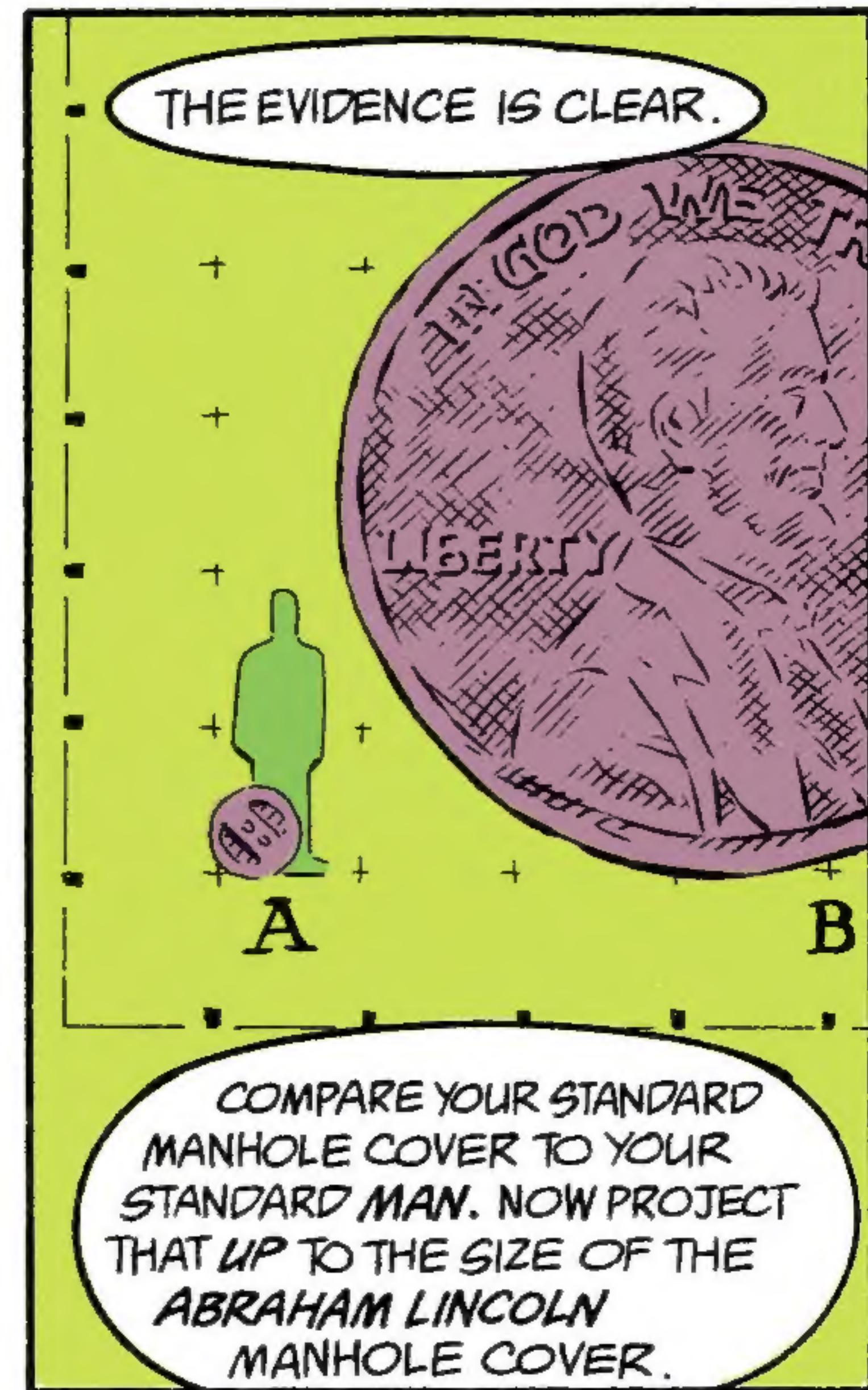
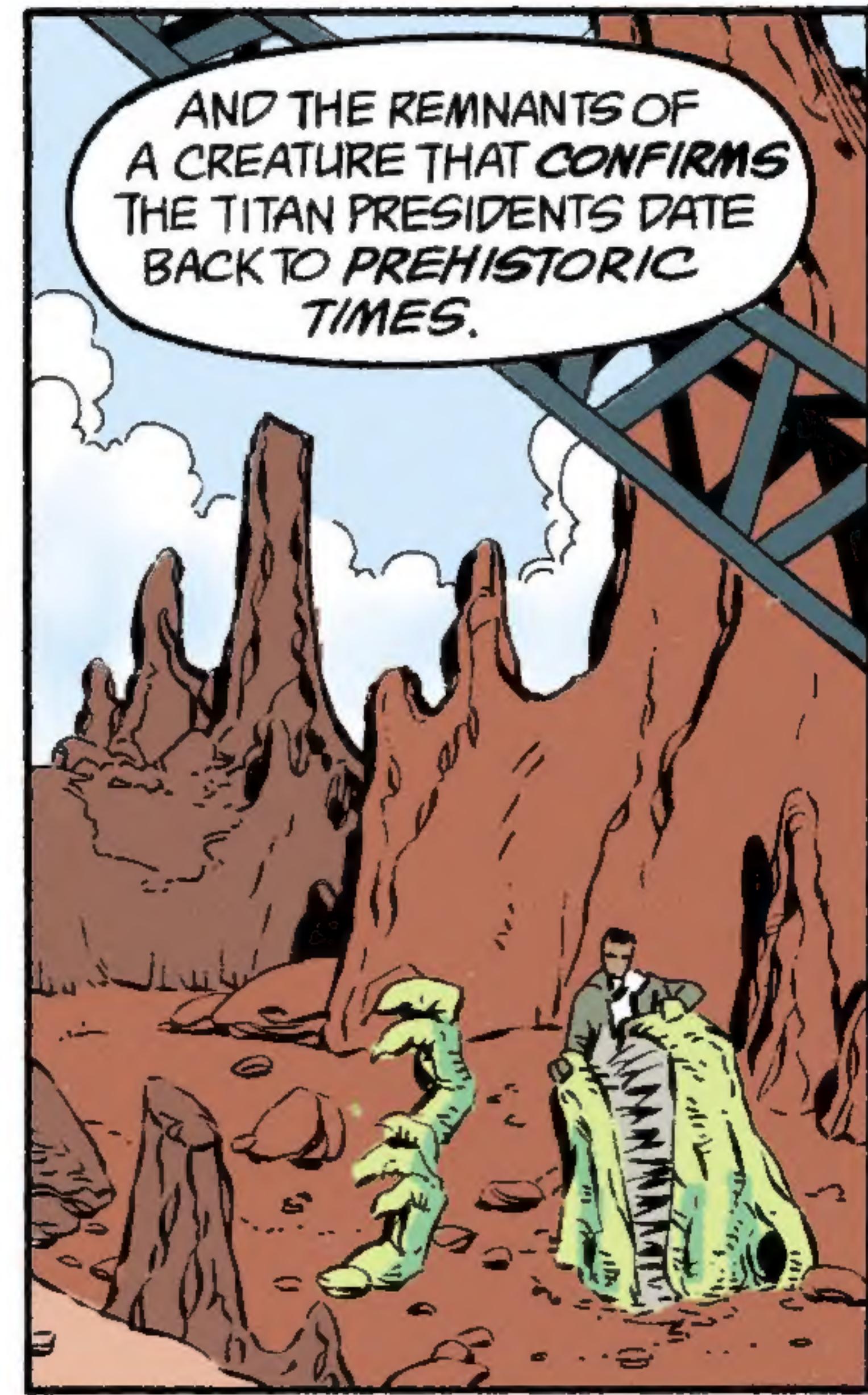
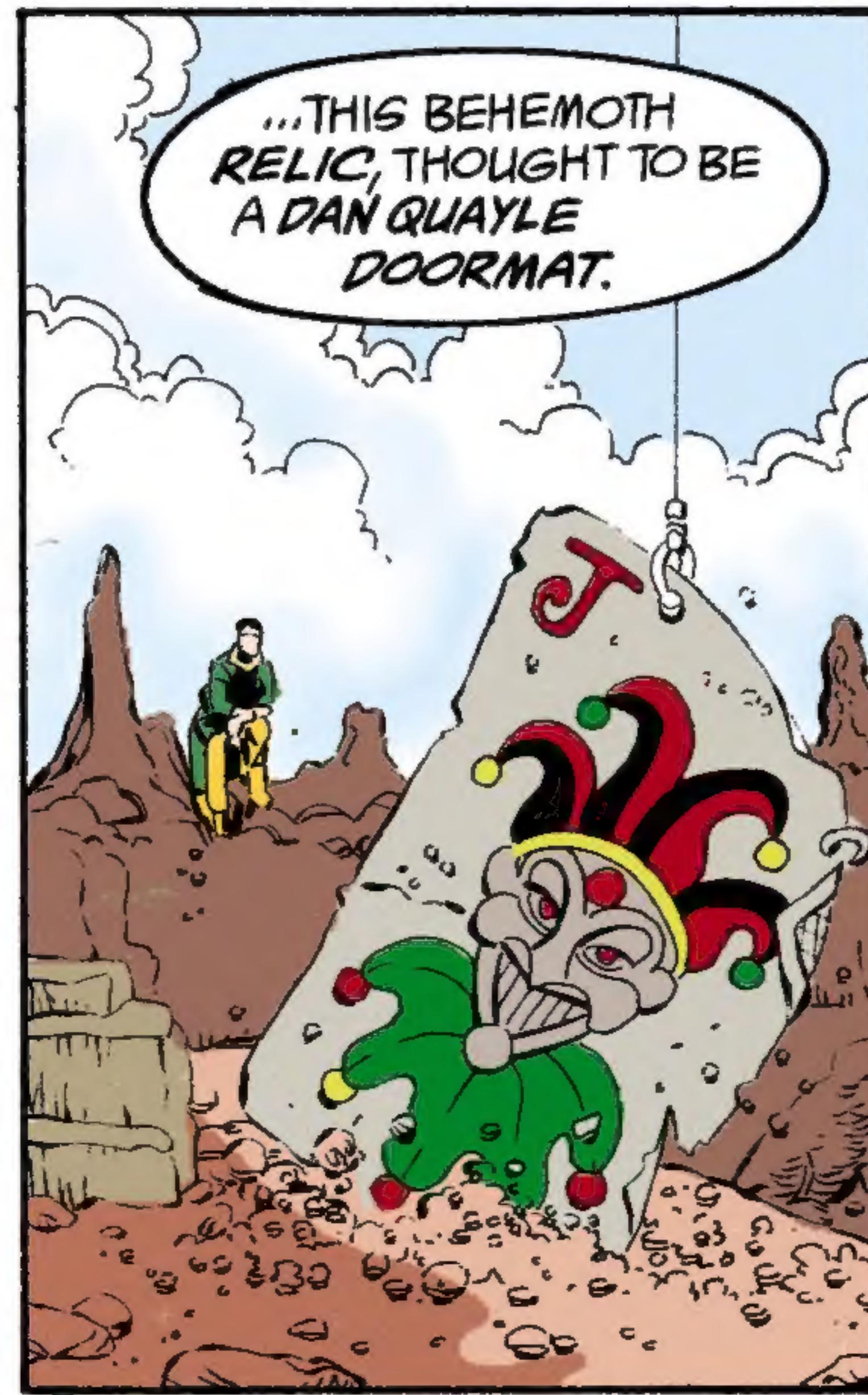


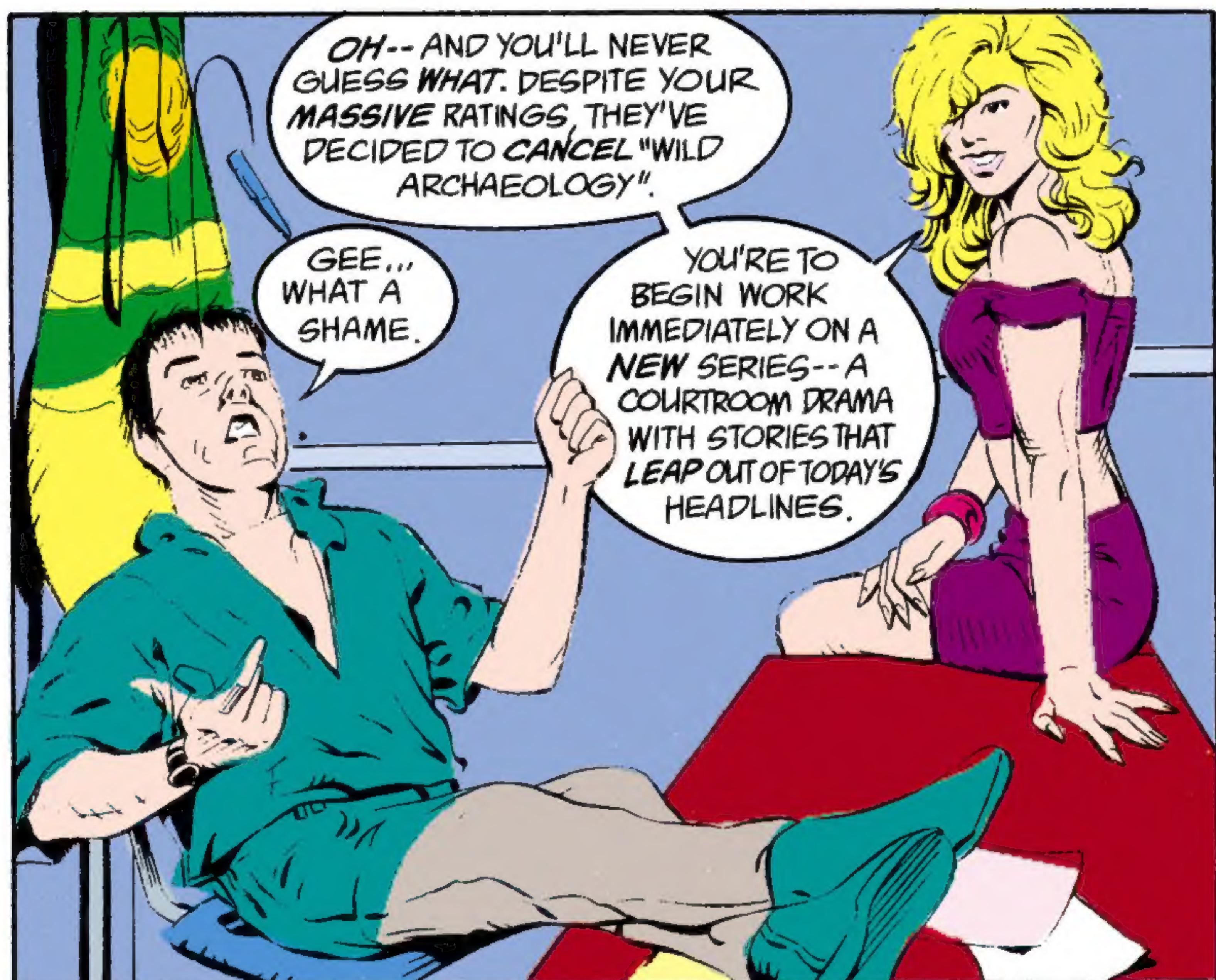
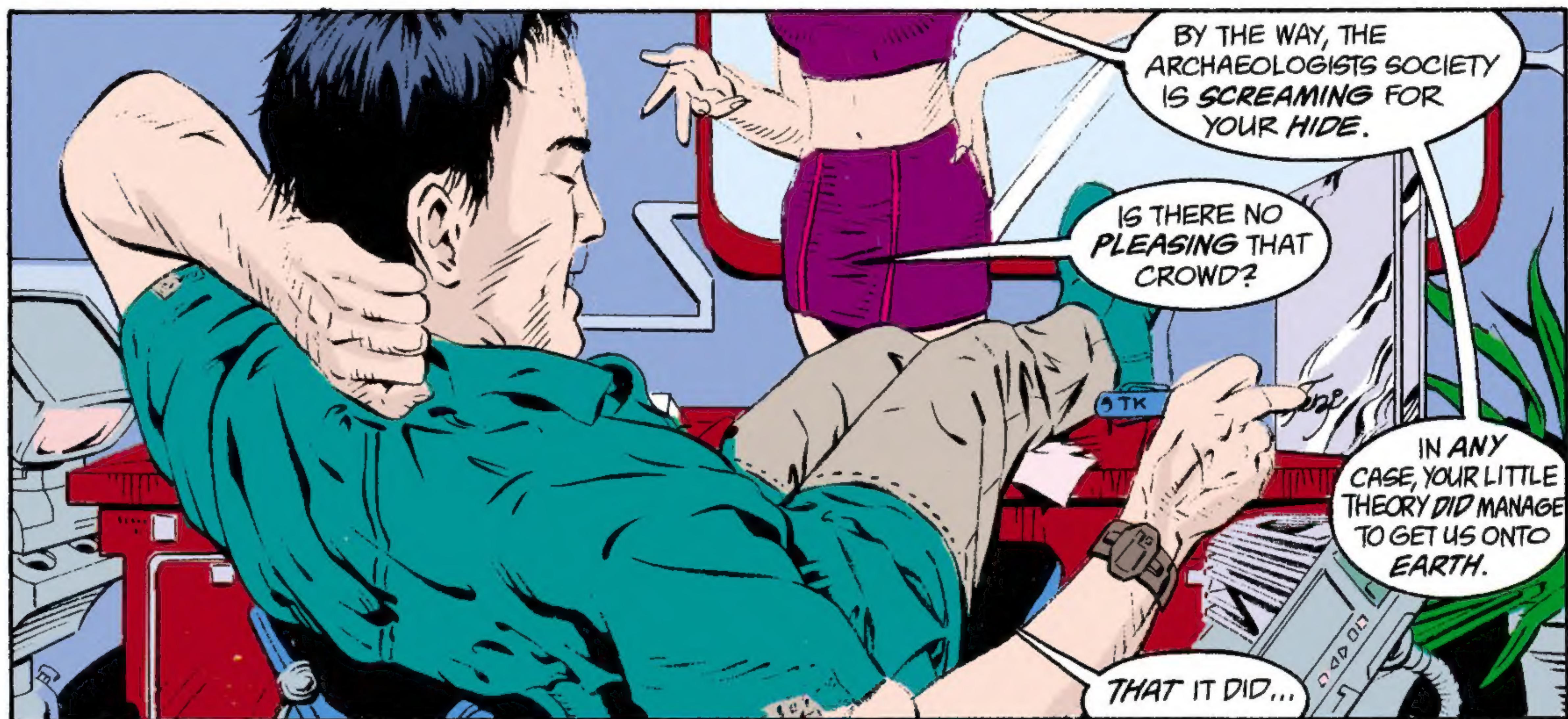
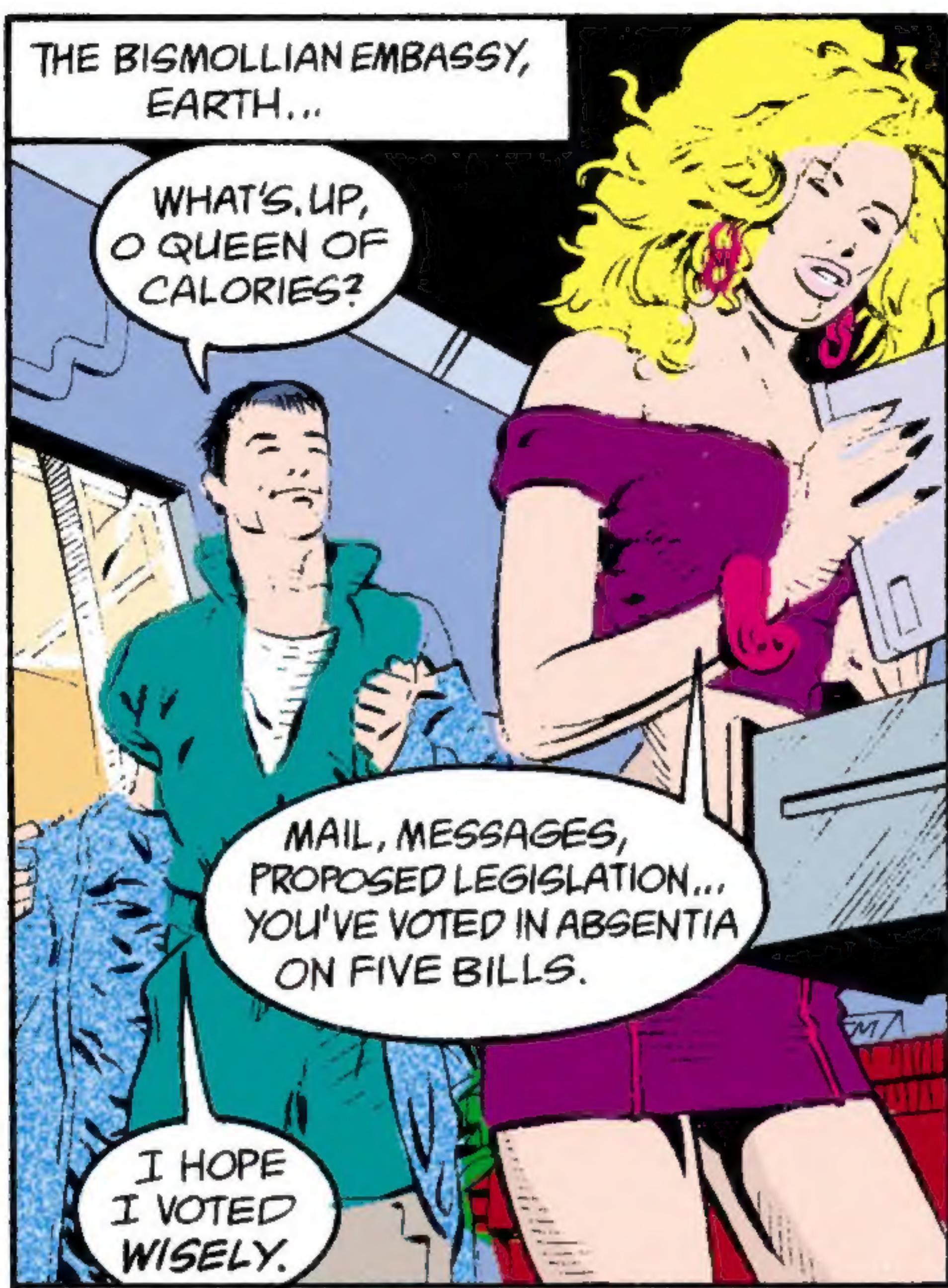
...AND EARTHGOV  
IS OFTEN CONSIDERED  
AN UNRELIABLE SOURCE  
OF INFORMATION.

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WHC FOR FURTHER  
DEVELOPMENTS...

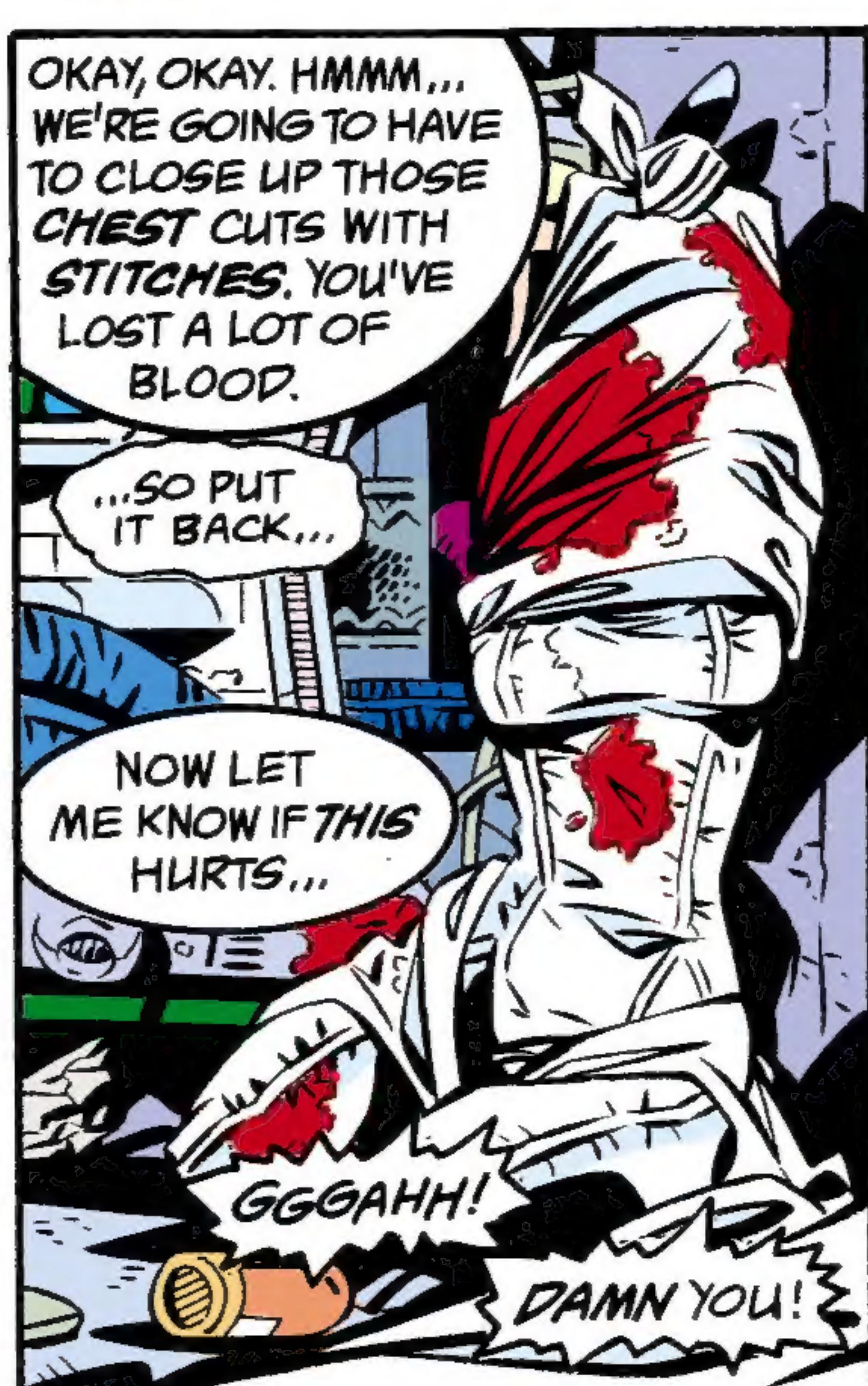
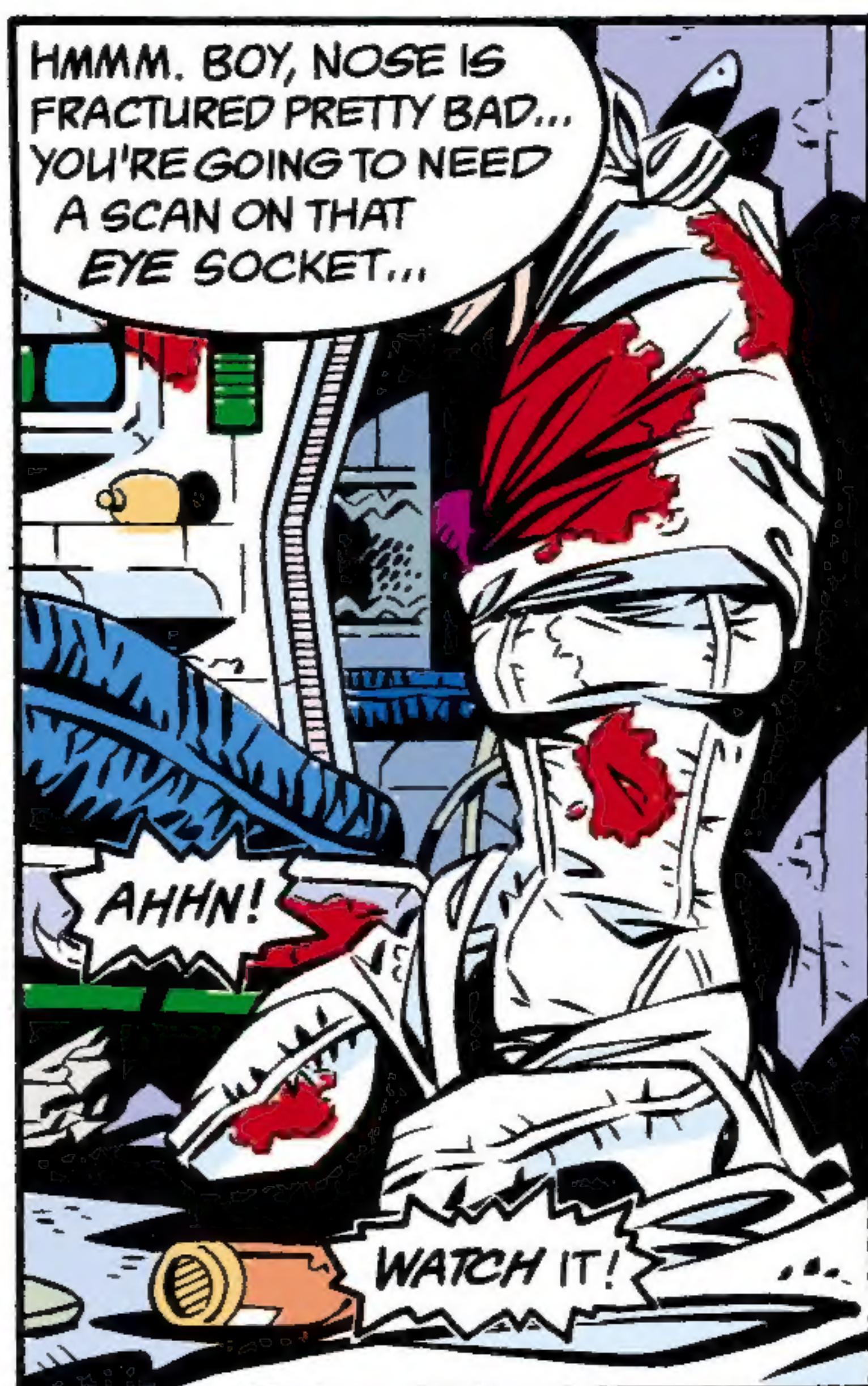
WE NOW  
RETURN TO OUR  
REGULAR  
PROGRAMMING







THE BLOOMFIELD FREE CLINIC, WINATH...



## MEKT RANZZ

Condition: Stable  
2nd degree burns over 20% of body  
Mild concussion  
Right wrist fractured

WELL, AT LEAST ONE OF THEM WAS EASY.

NO CHANCE OF BEING THAT LUCKY TWICE.

## REEP DAGGLE

Condition: Critical  
Massive blood loss  
Shock  
Recovery dependent upon resumption of shape-changing functions

THANK THE MUSES I CONVINCED REEP TO RE-ARRANGE HIS VITAL ORGANS FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES.

OTHERWISE, HE'D BE AN EX-DURLAN.

## BOUNTY

Condition: Stable  
Paralysis (believed temporary)  
Moderate difficulty breathing  
Cardiac arrhythmias subsiding  
Unexplained scar tissue  
NO KNOWN PATIENT RECORDS

YEAH, YOU'LL MAKE IT, ALL RIGHT...

...BUT WHAT'S YOUR GAME--  
WHAT ARE YOU UPTO...?

NOW, BRAINY, I TOLD YOU TO REST. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO INSIST...

HI, IMRA.

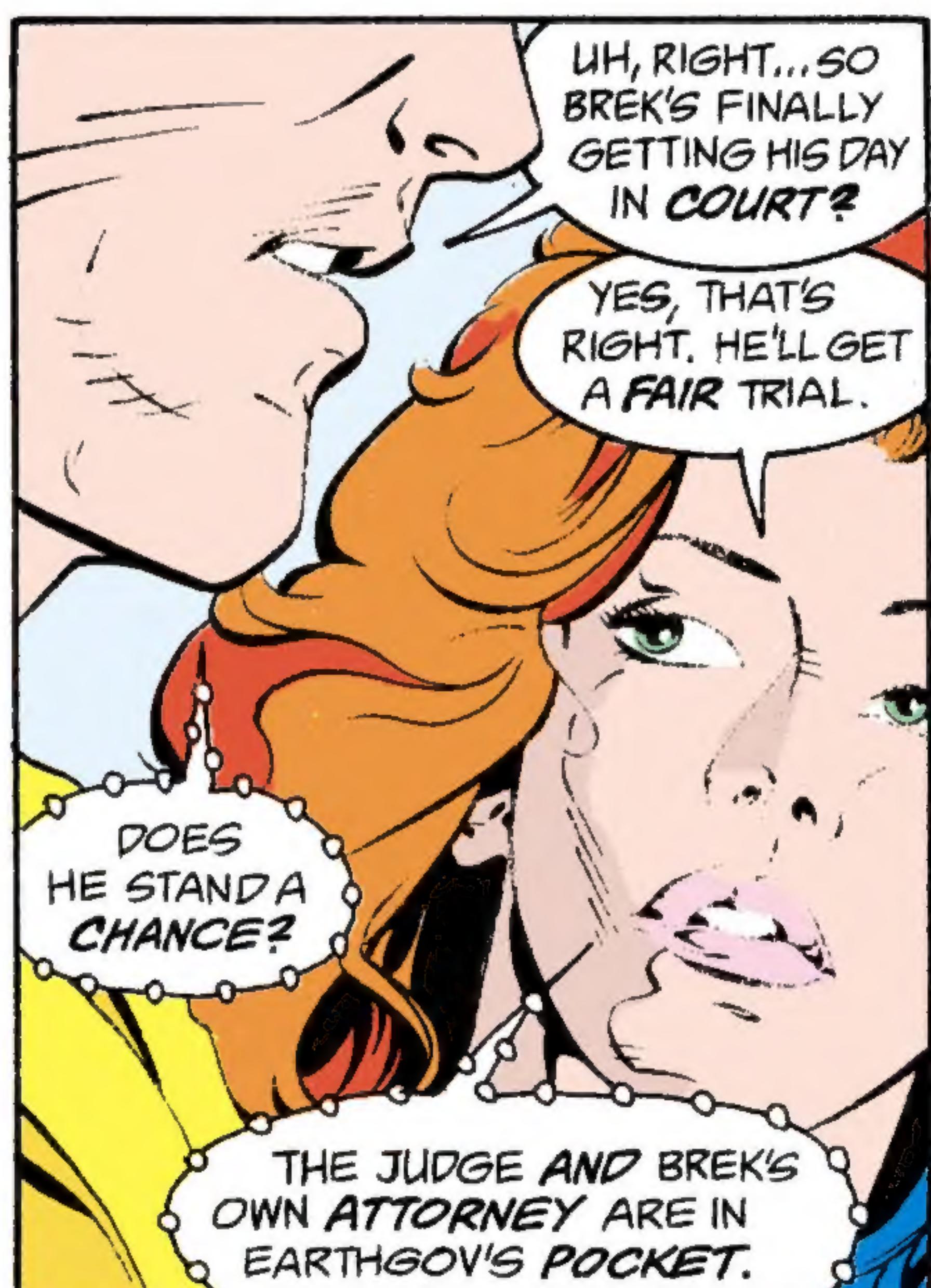
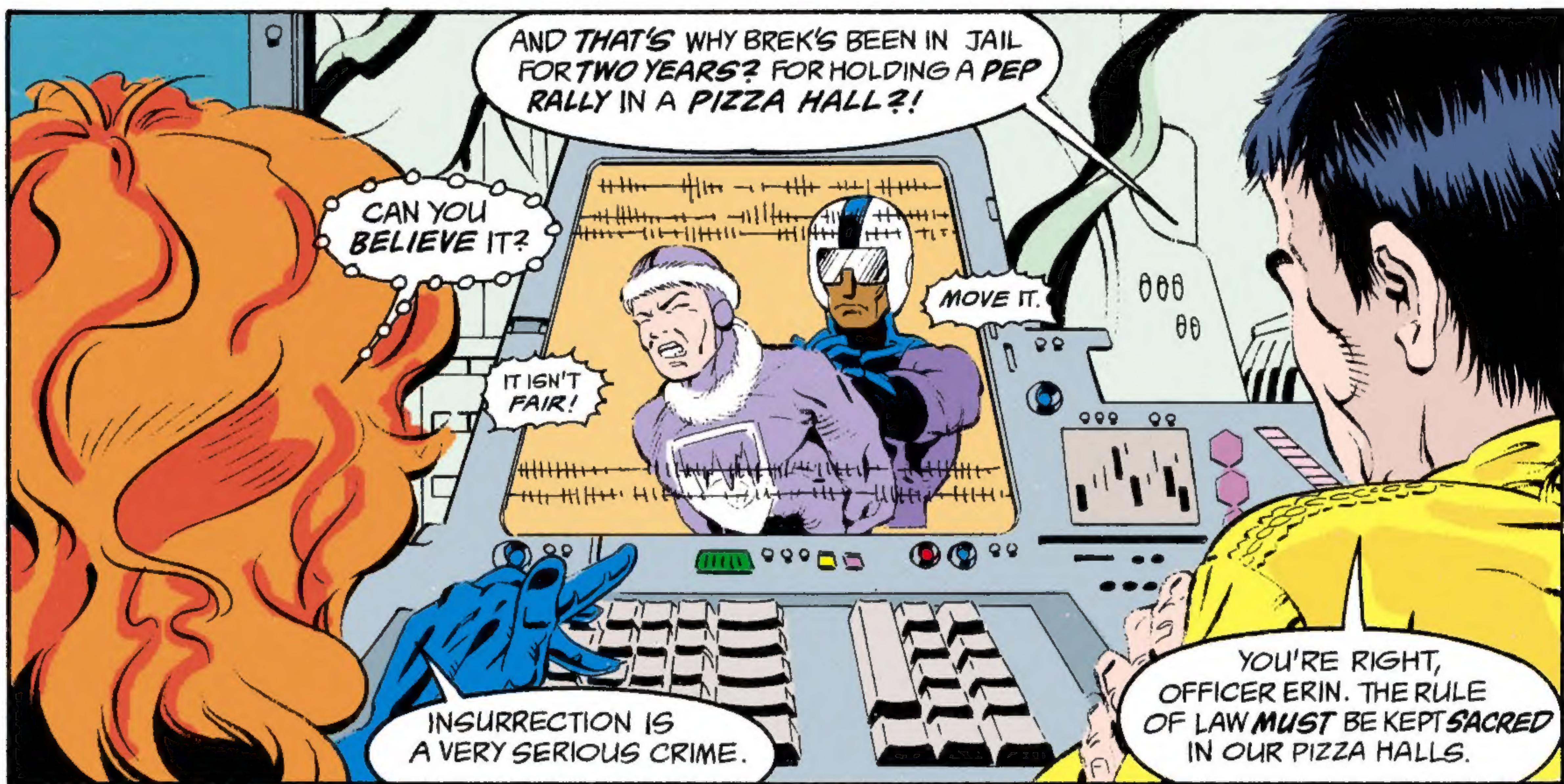
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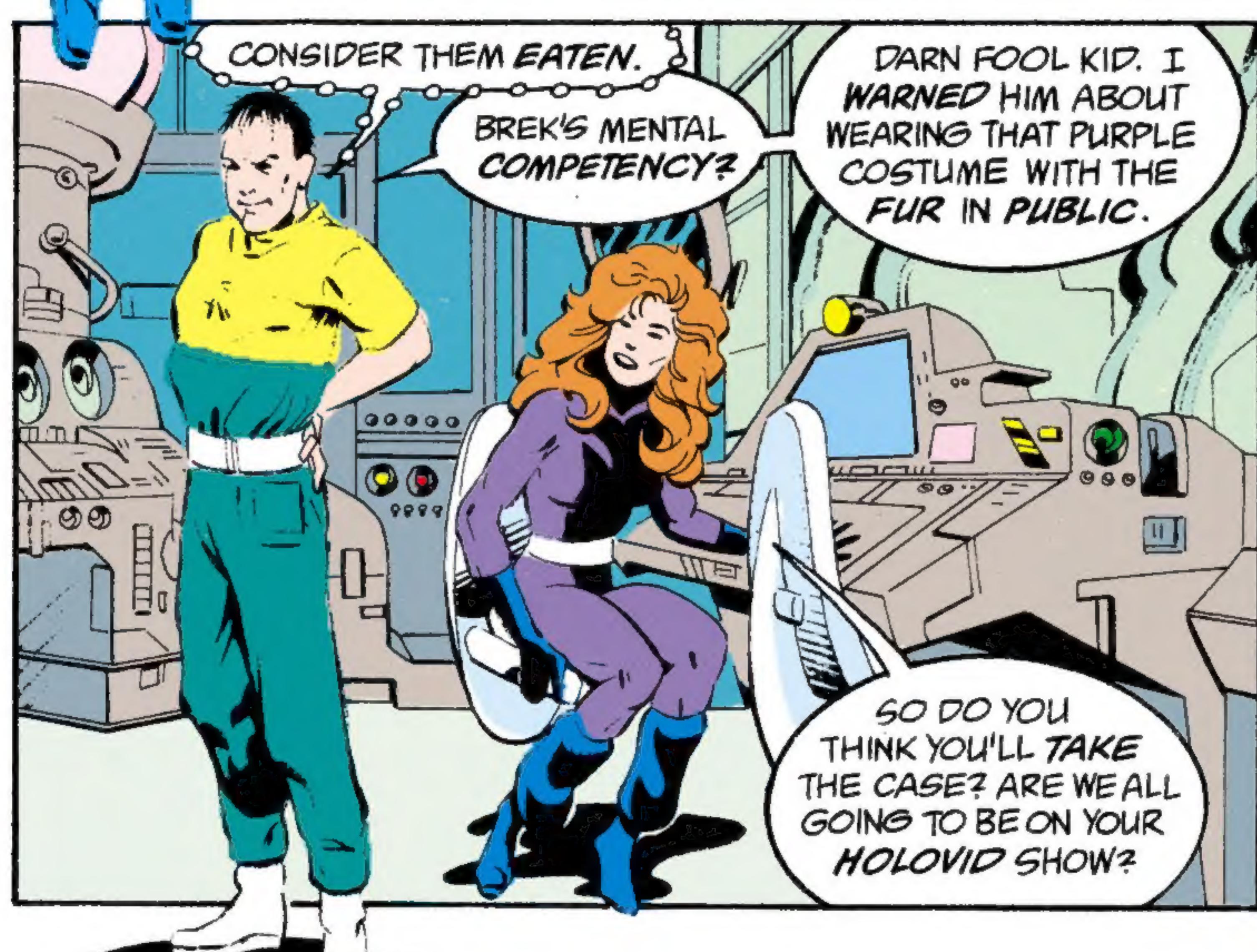
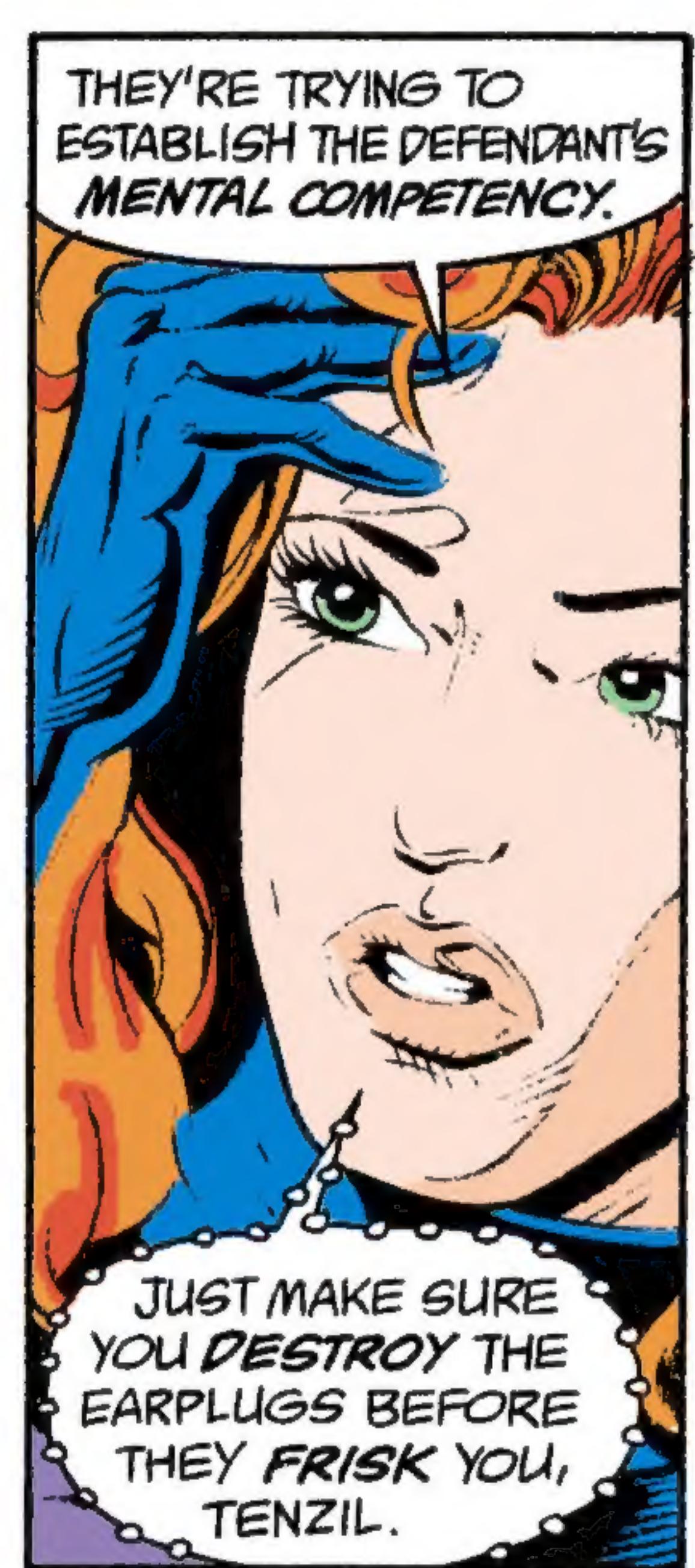
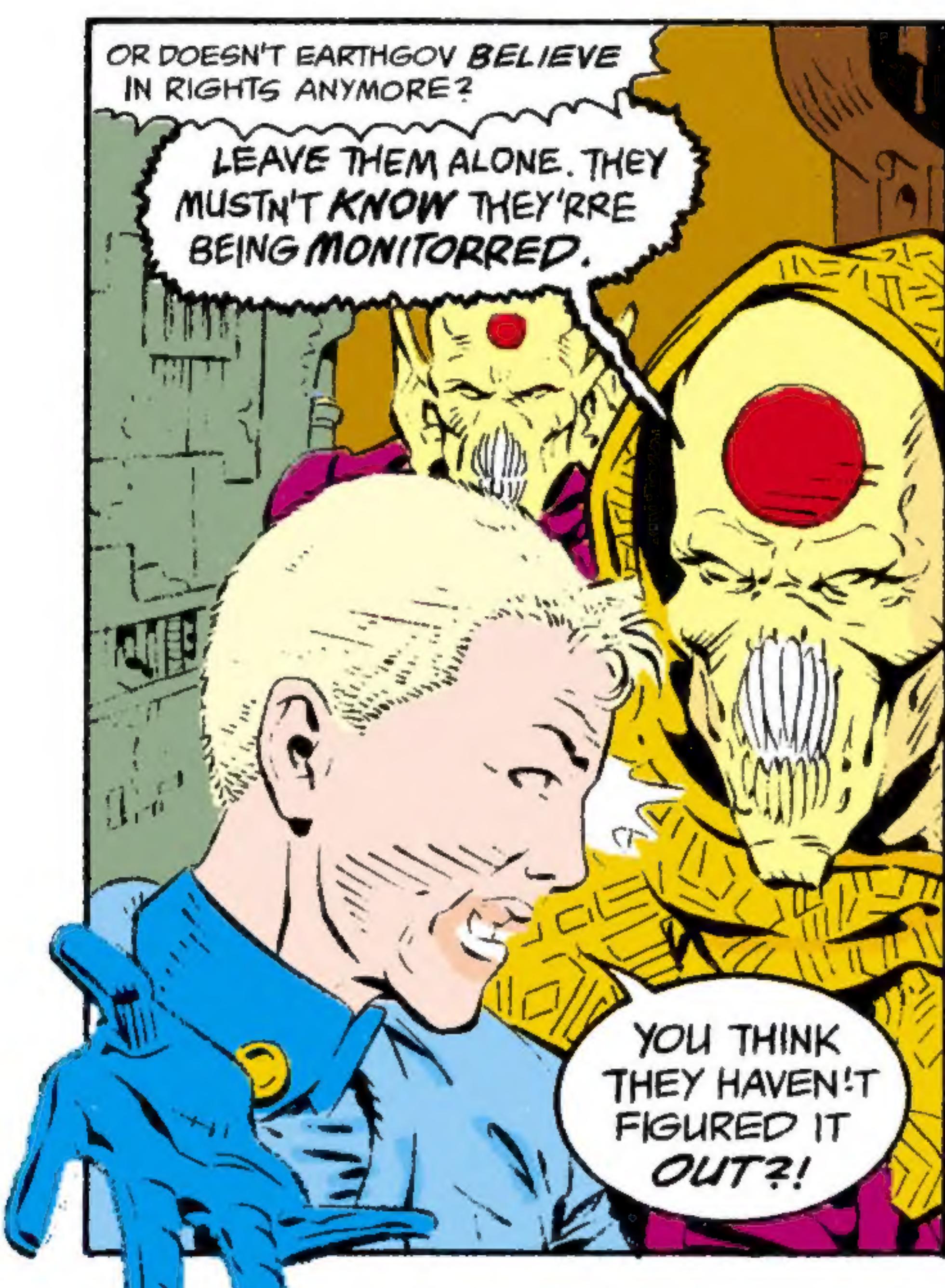
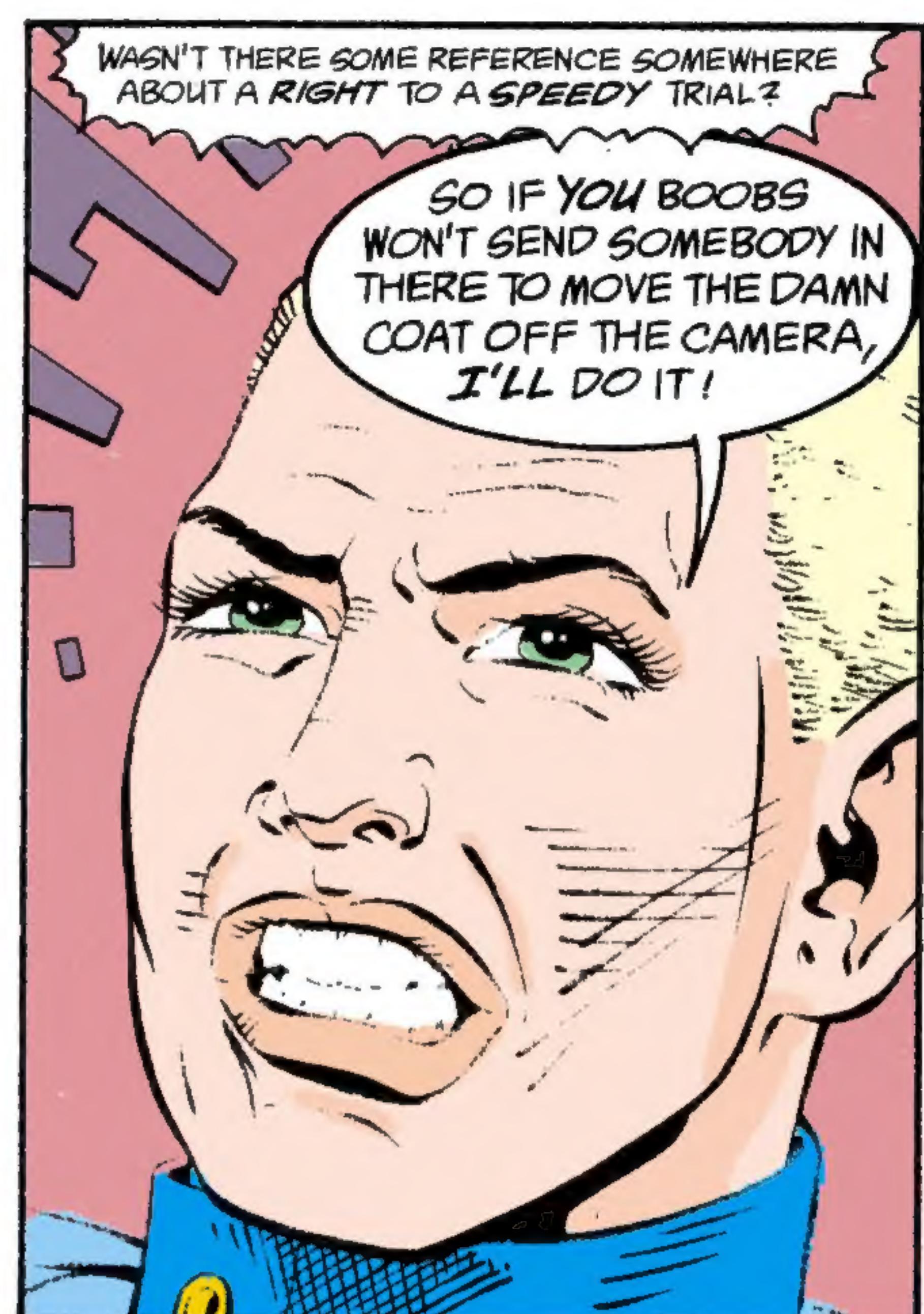
Condition: Extremely Grave  
Severe cerebral lacerations and contusions  
NOTE: Widespread cerebral hemorrhaging  
Multiple skull fractures  
Five broken ribs  
Collapsed right lung  
Massive internal hemorrhaging  
NO KNOWN PATIENT RECORDS

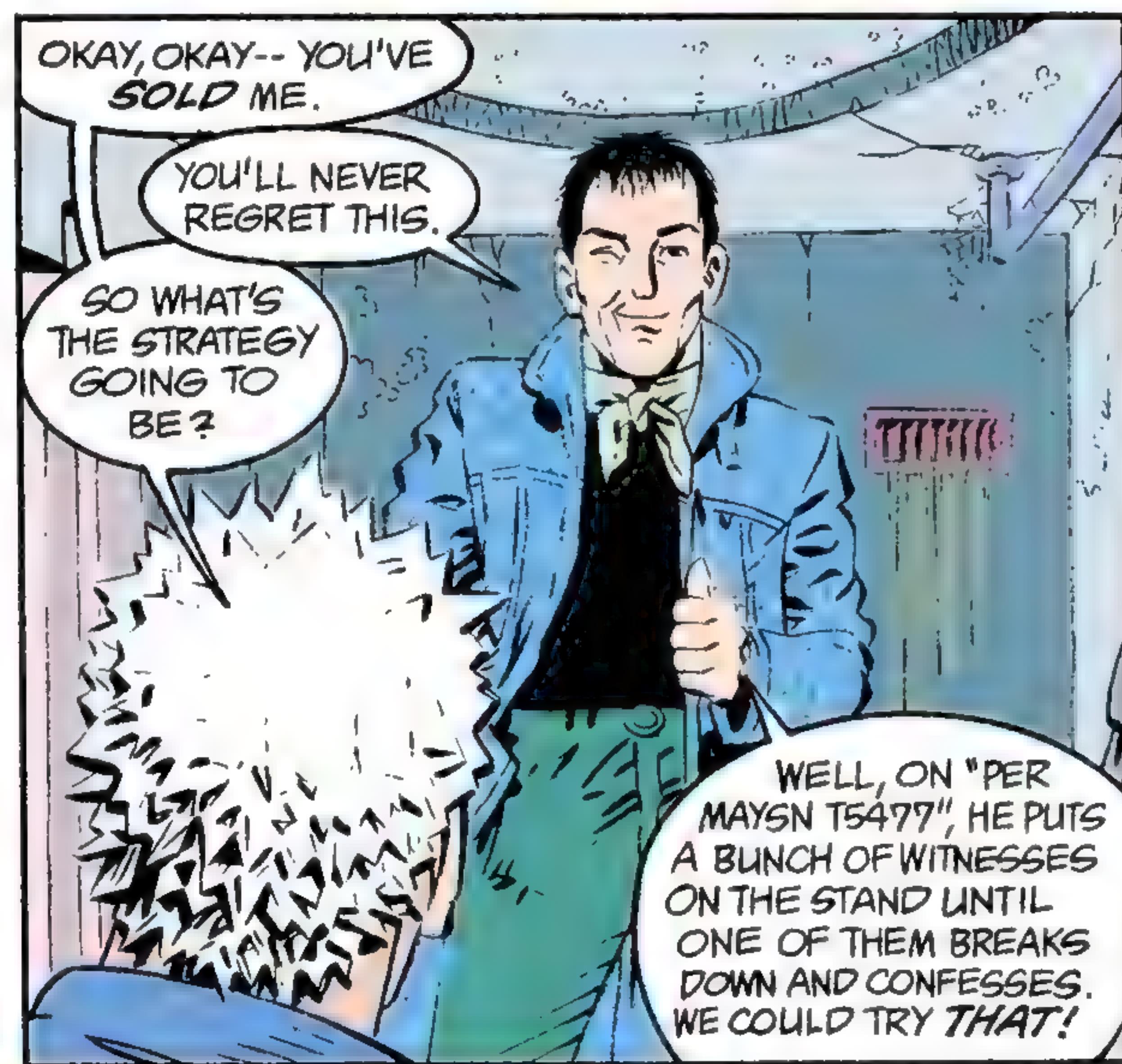
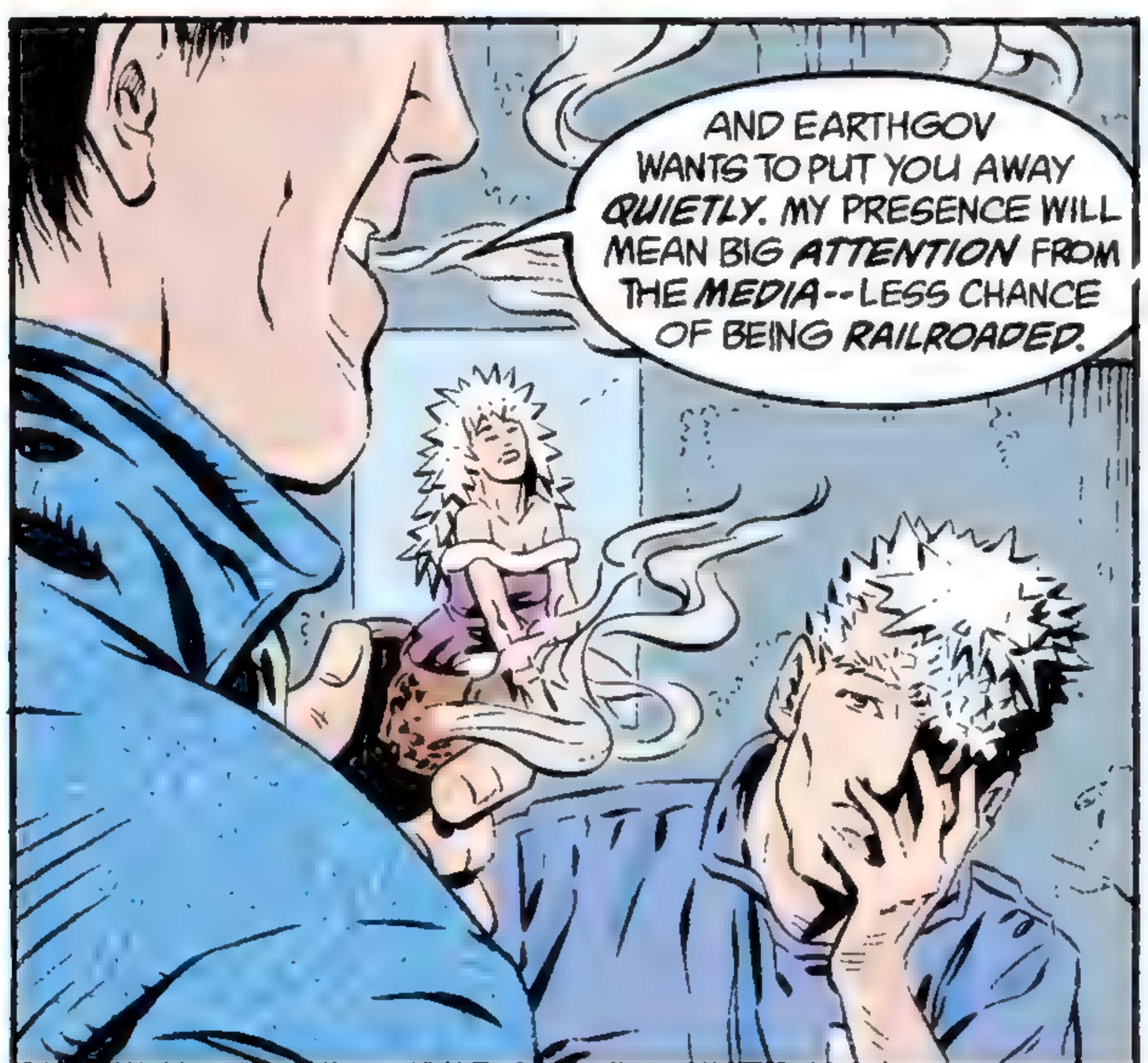
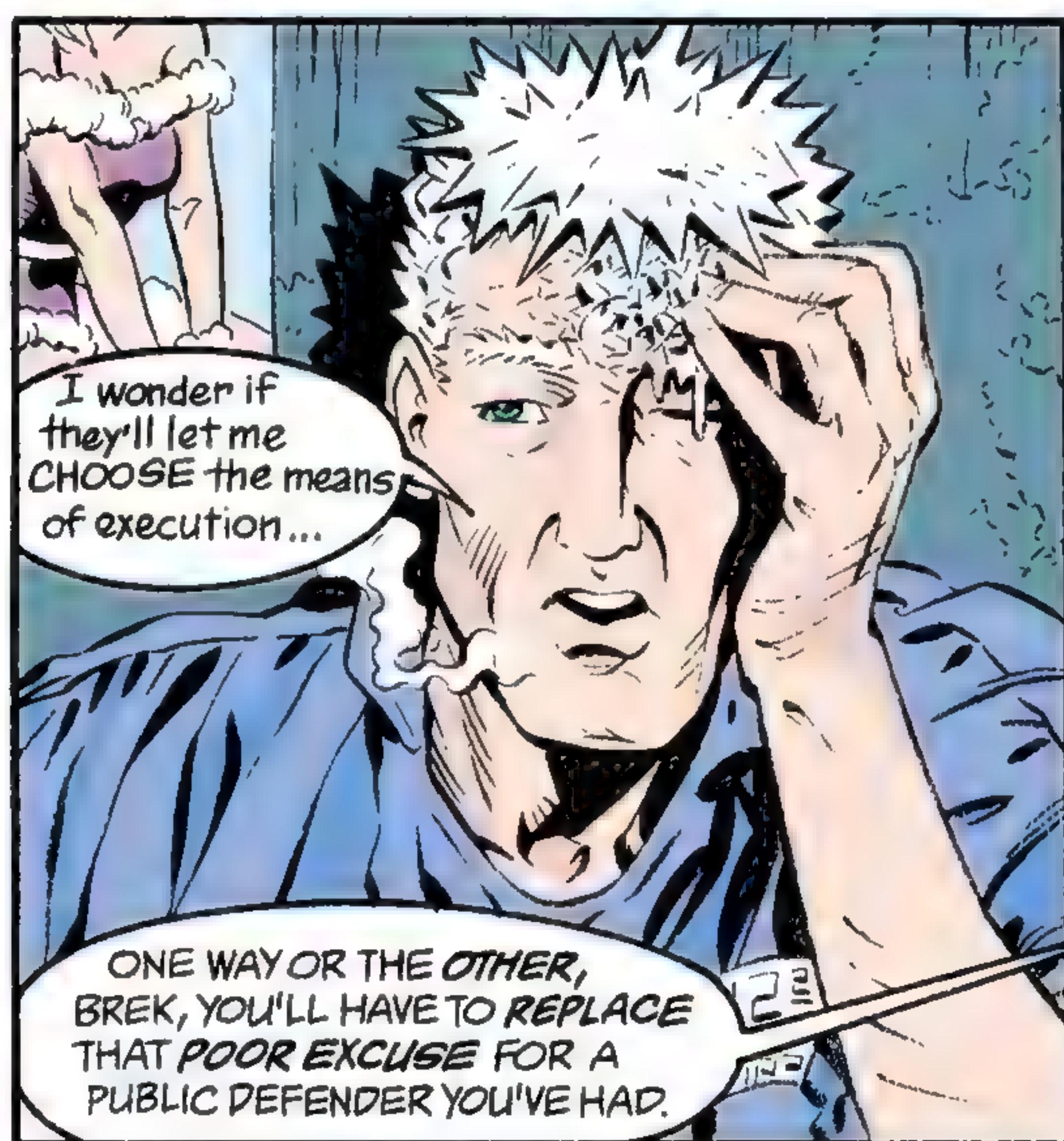
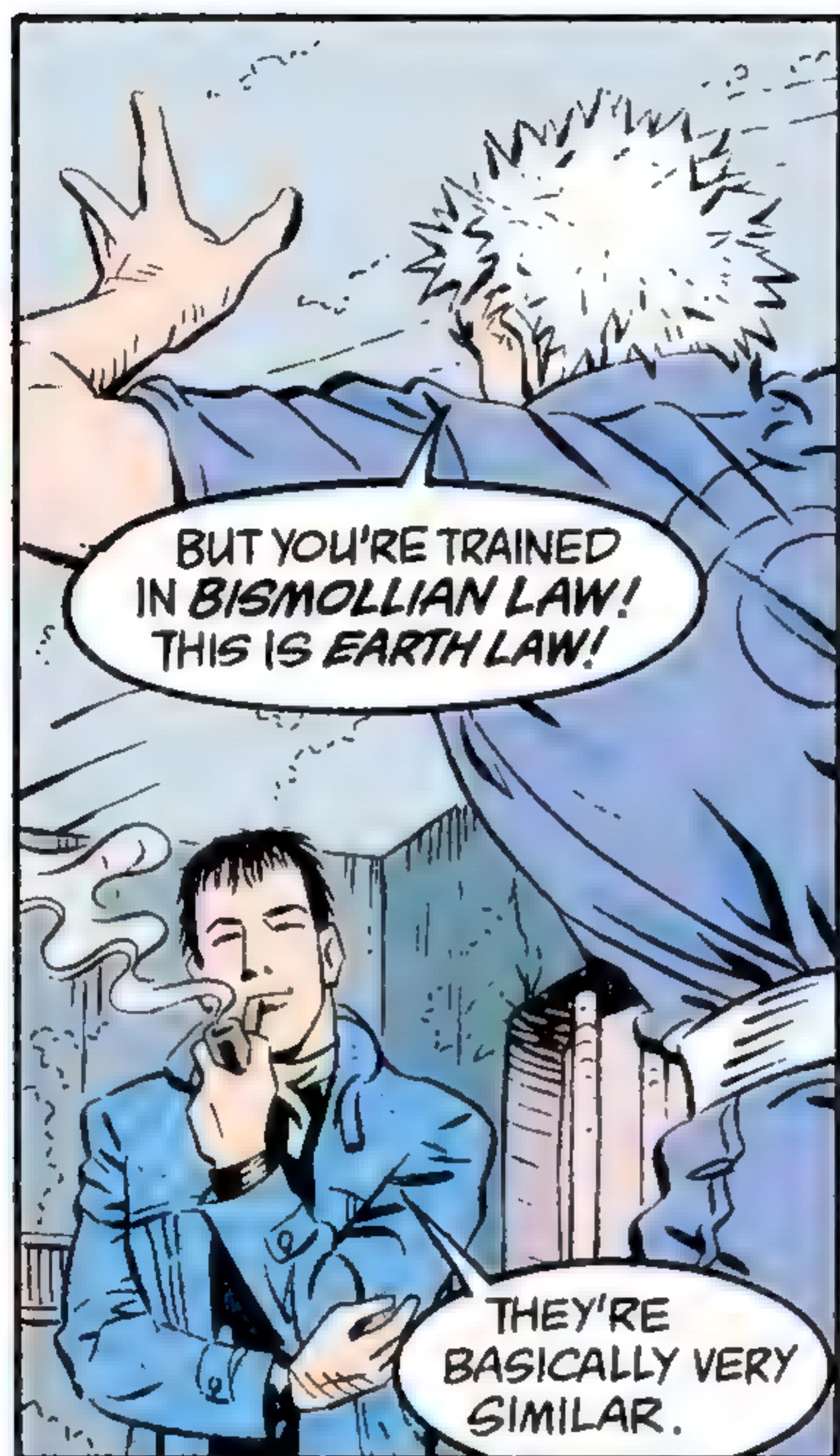
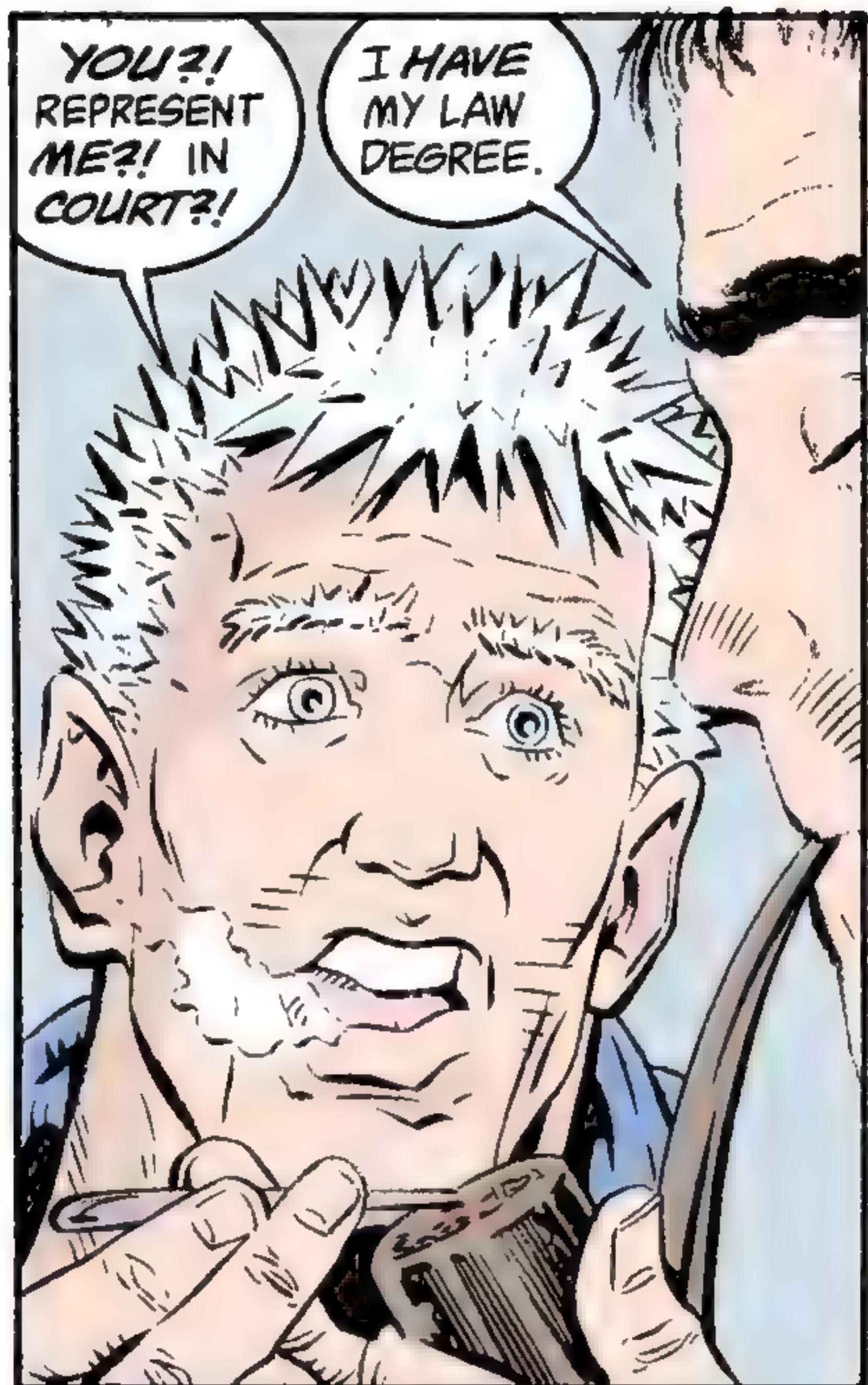
IS SHE GOING TO MAKE IT?

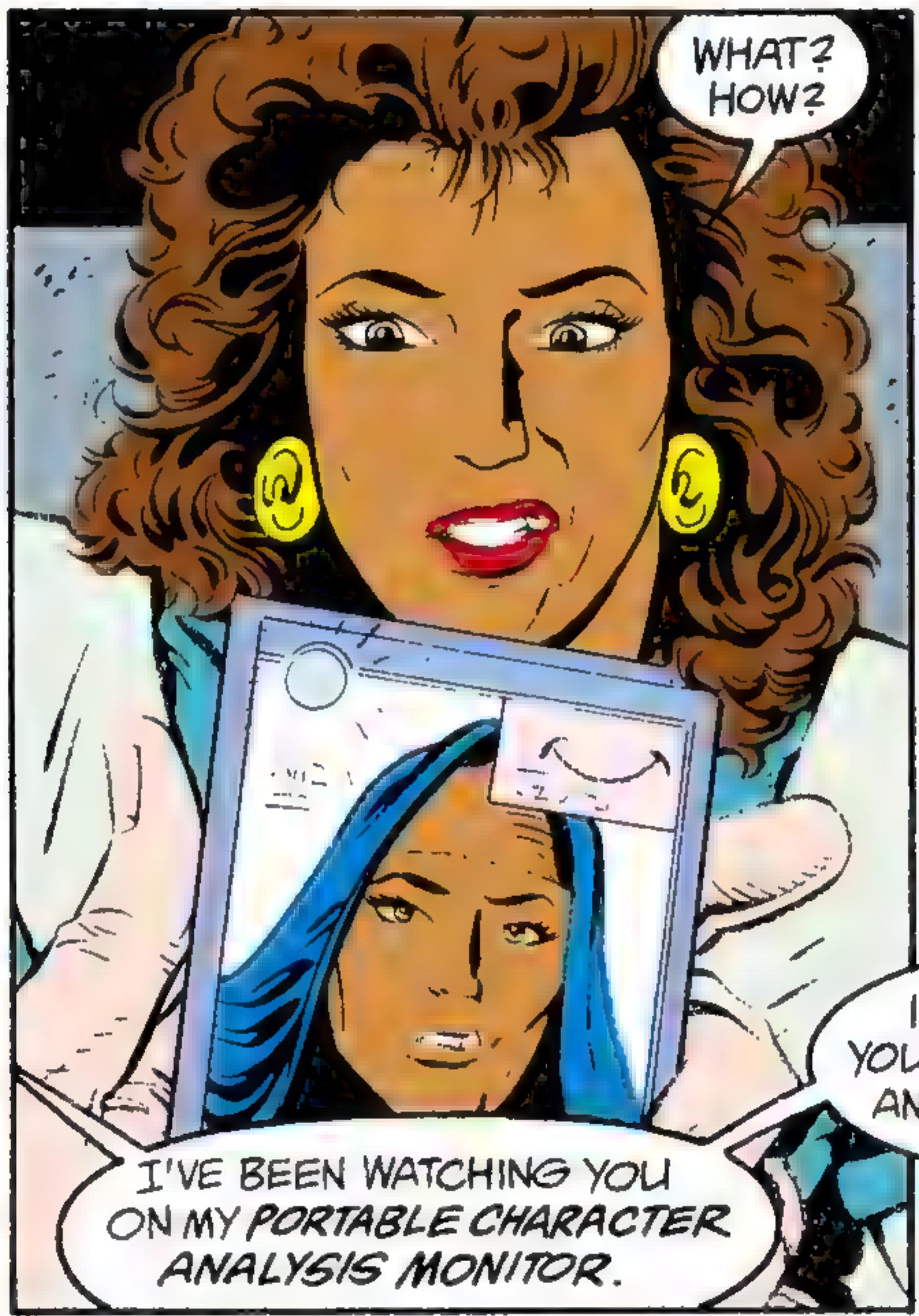
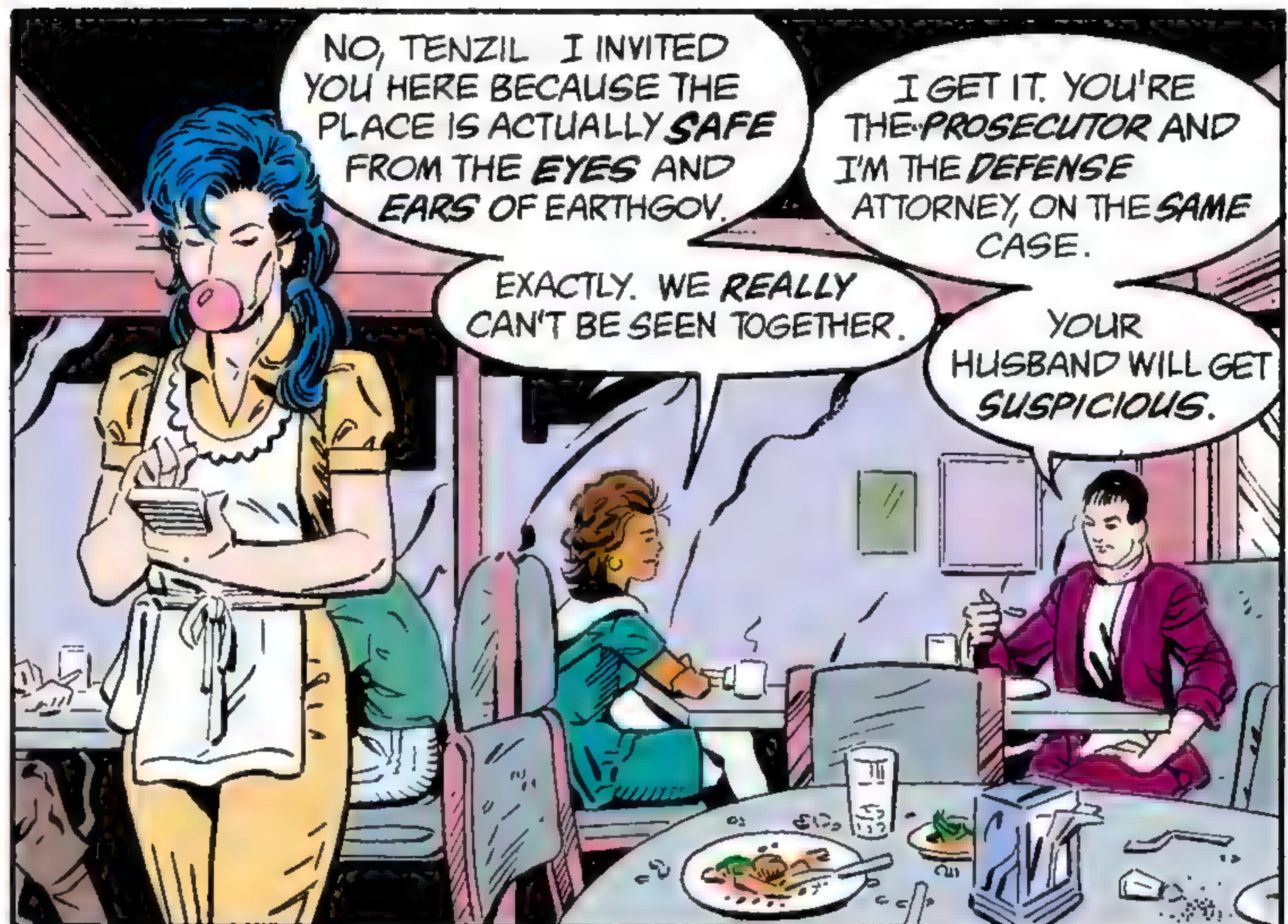
NO.

I DID WHAT I COULD.

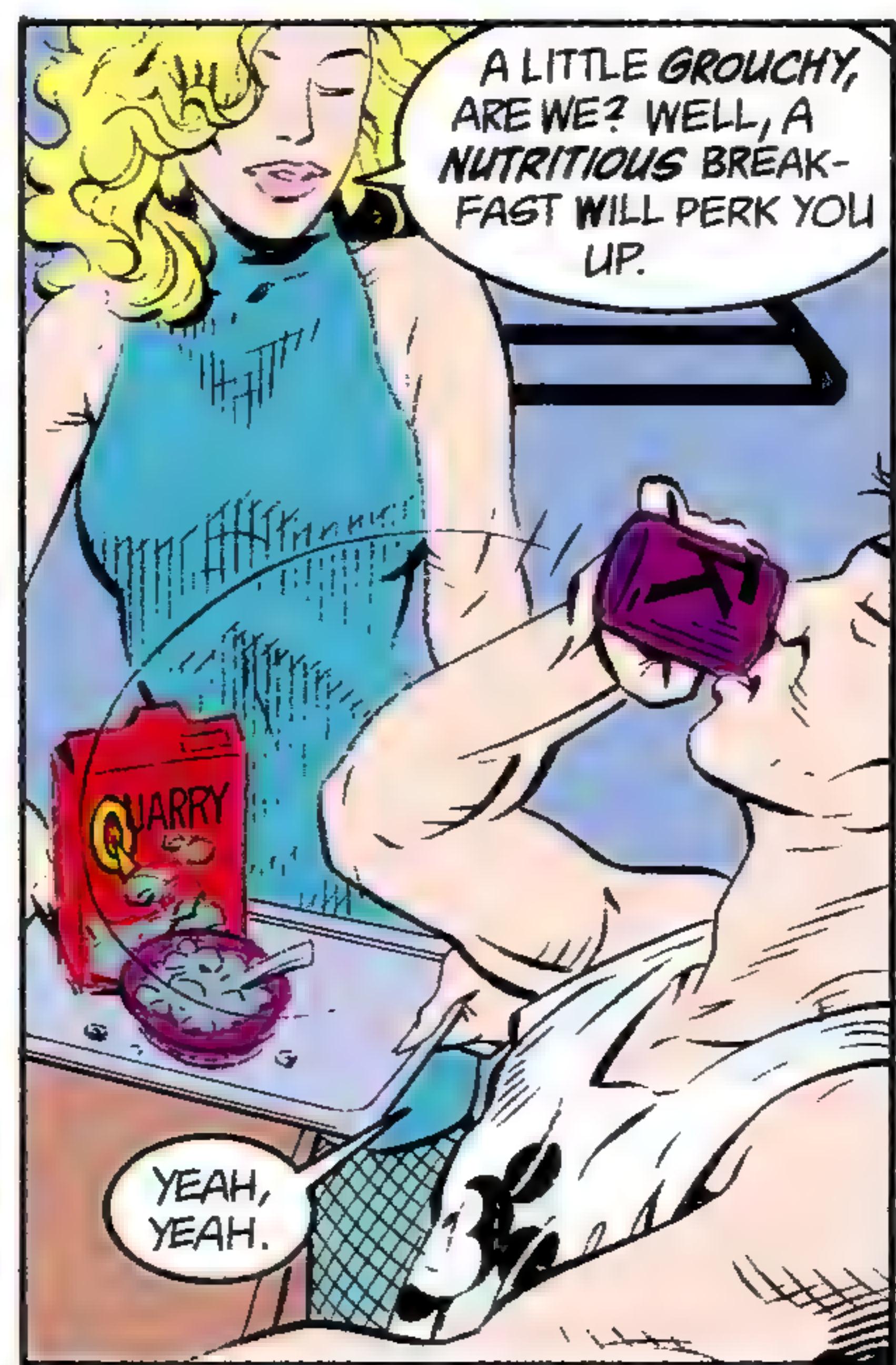
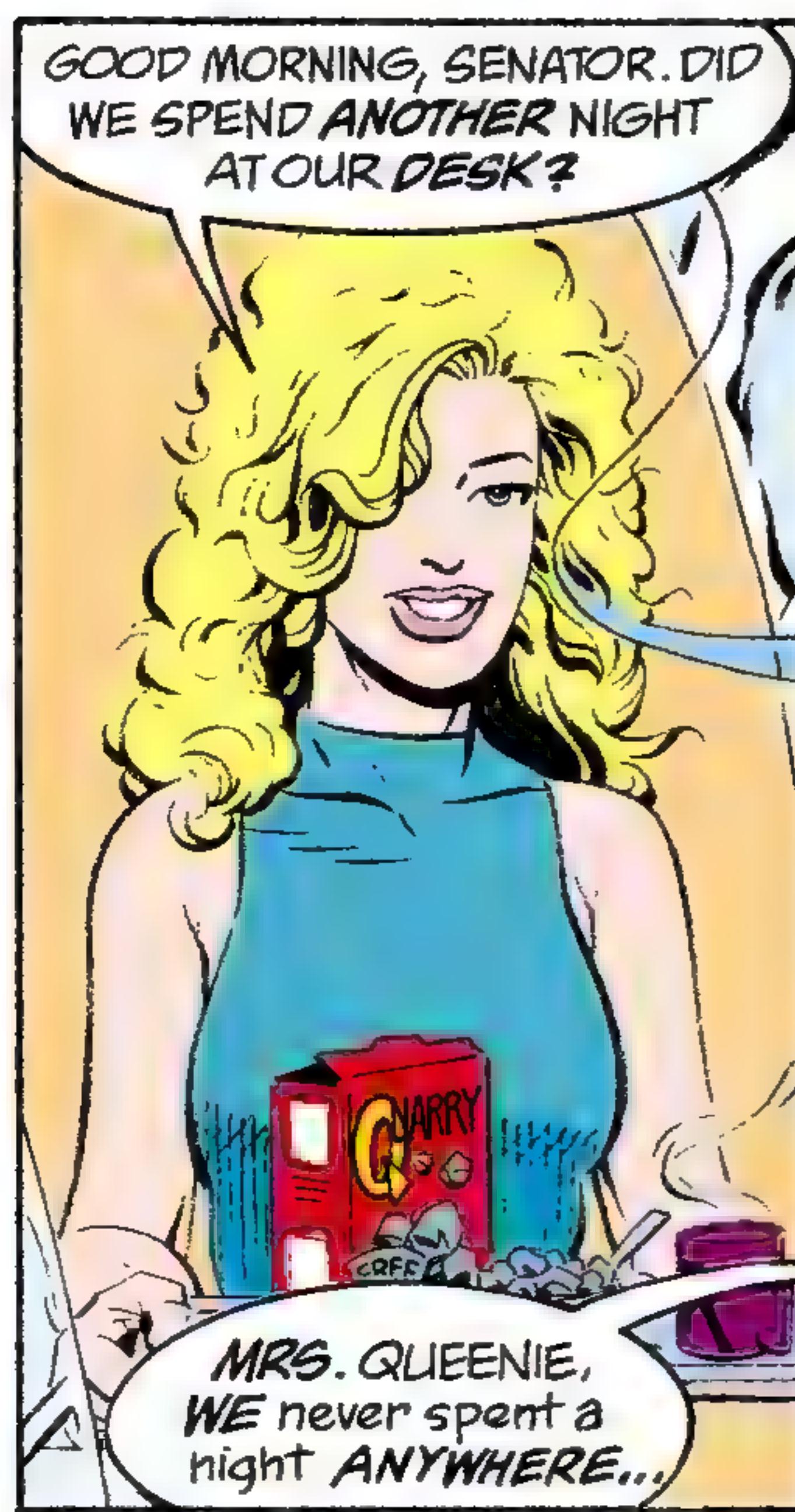
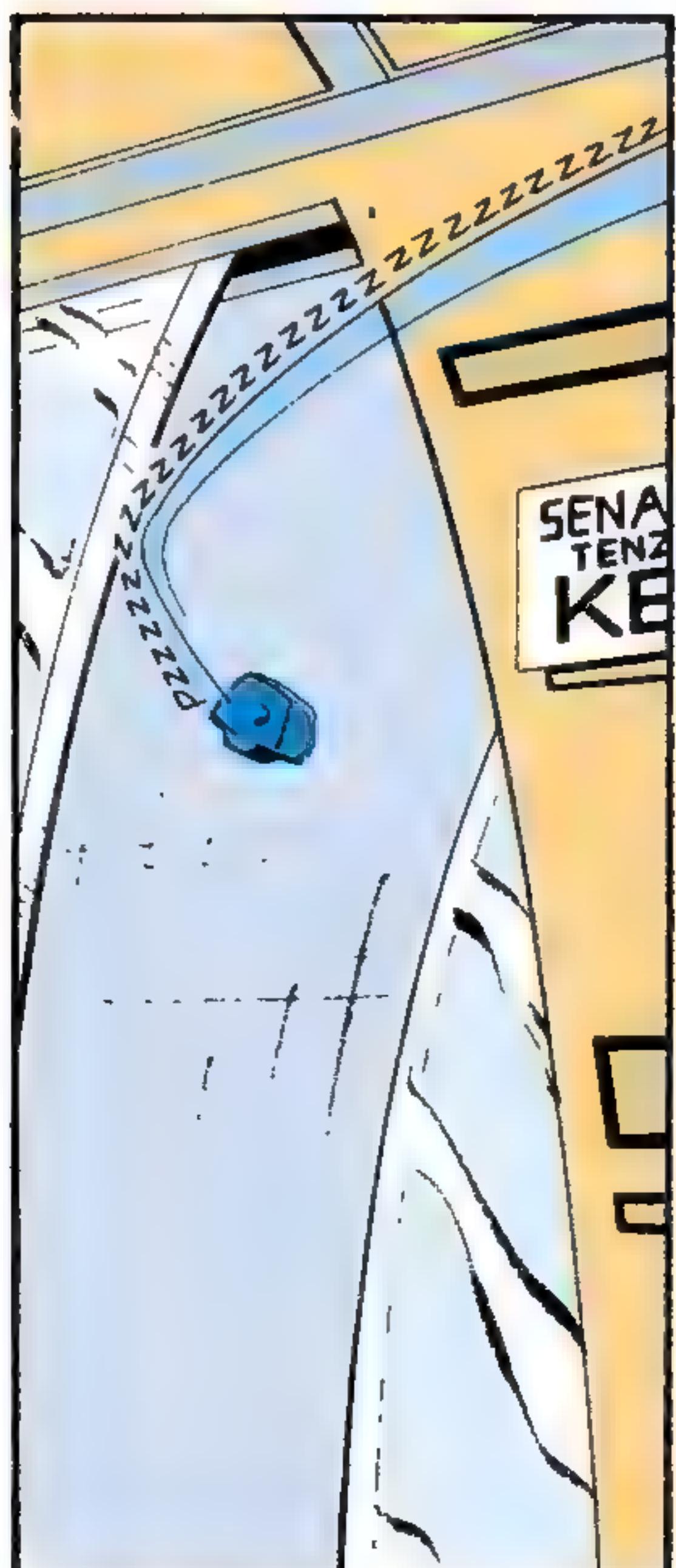








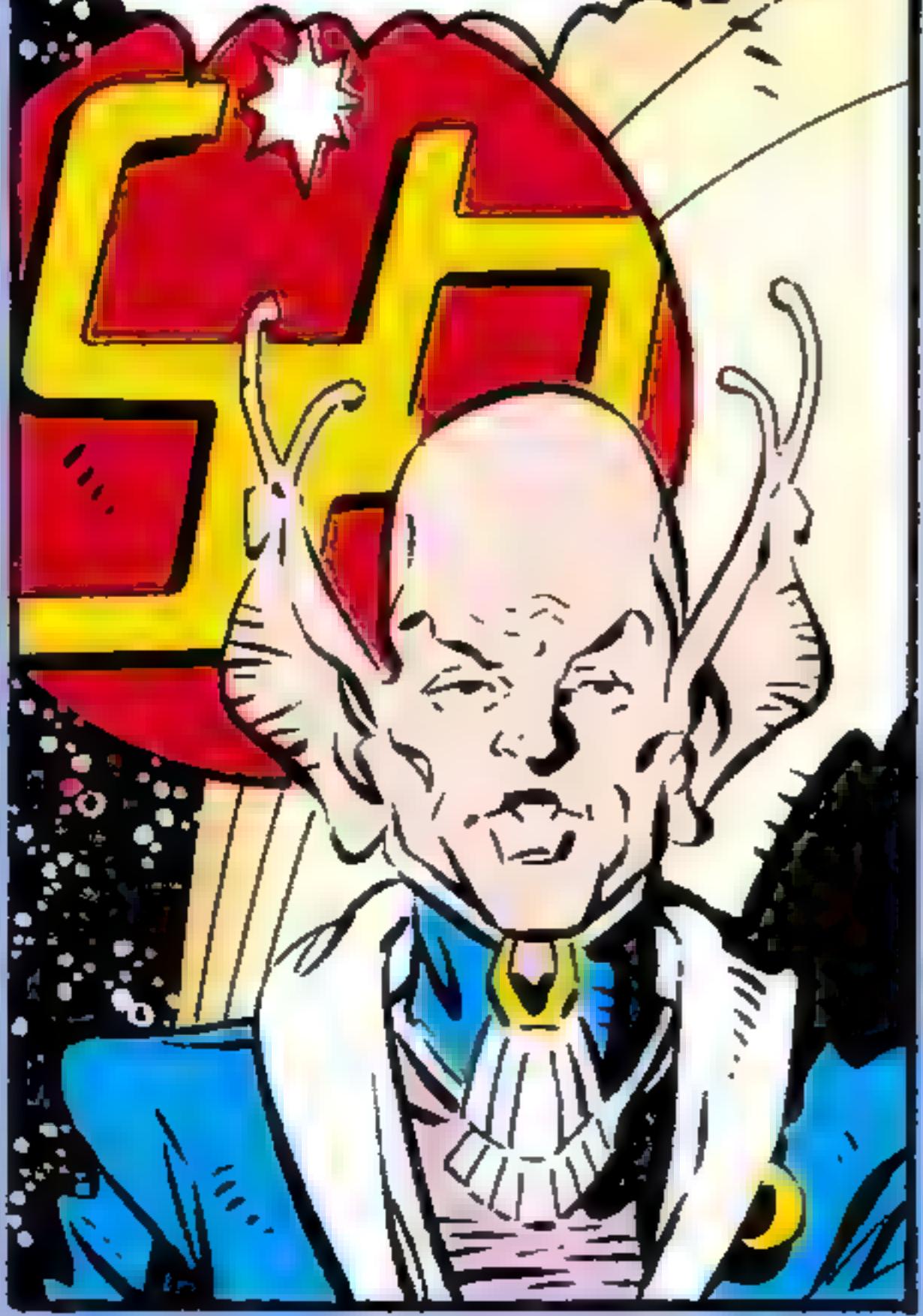




## UPV CHANNEL 4 NEWS BULLETIN

WE INTERRUPT  
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THE FOLLOWING  
NEWS BULLETIN...

SCIENCE POLICE WINATH REPORTS  
ROXXAS THE BUTCHER IS STILL AT  
LARGE, AND HE'S APPARENTLY  
STRUCK AGAIN.



THE FRANTIC MANHUNT FOR THE  
SUSPECTED KILLER CONTINUES AFTER  
HIS BRUTAL ATTACK YESTERDAY ON  
THE LIGHTNING RING PLANTATION...

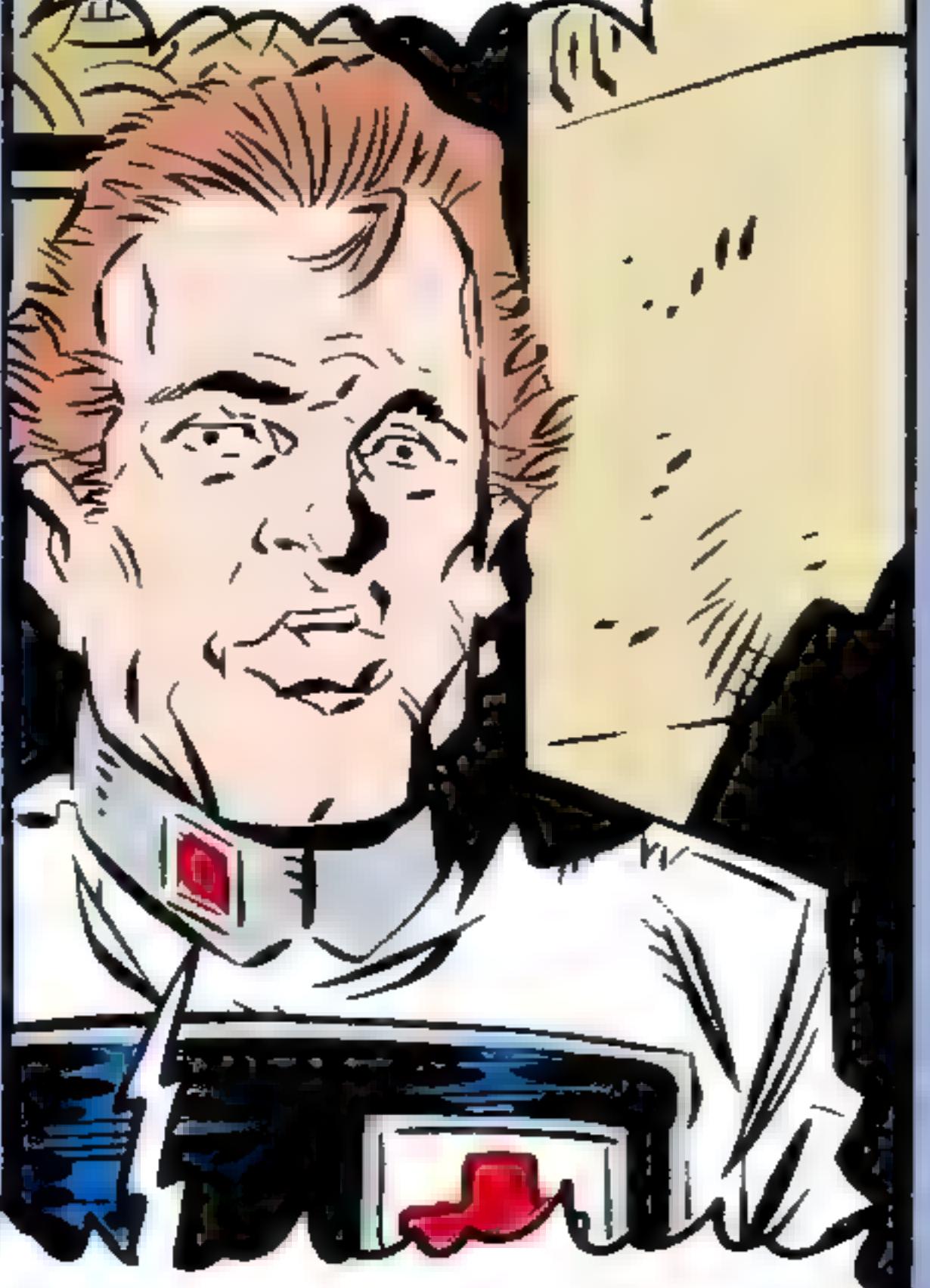


AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE THE  
SUSPECTED KILLER FLED TO THIS  
CLINIC IN THAT PLANET'S  
BLOOMFIELD DISTRICT.



A DOCTOR AND  
A NURSE WERE  
FOUND MURDERED  
THERE THIS MORNING.

DR. AYDON JEKS FOUND  
THE BODIES...

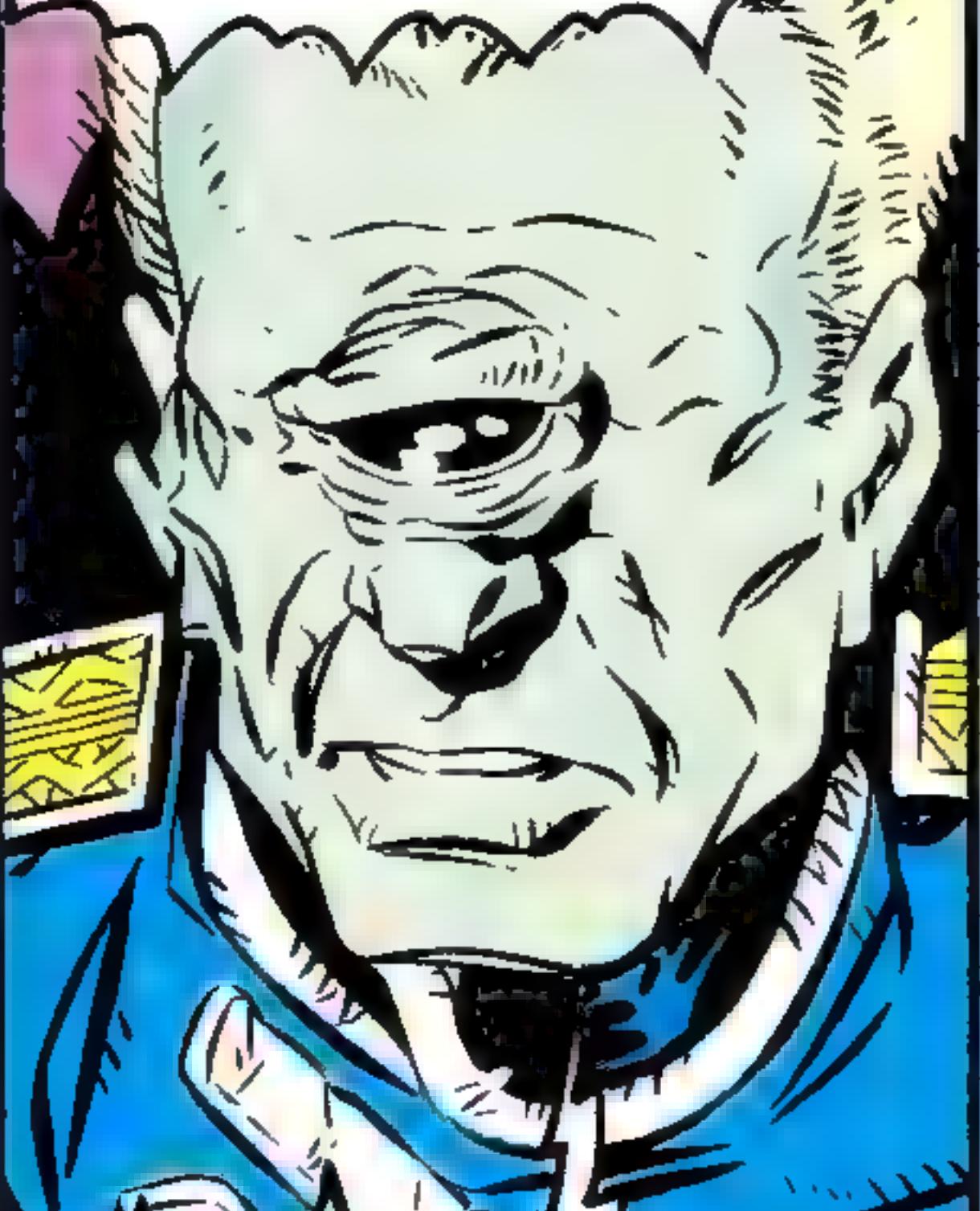


IT WAS JUST AWFUL. THEY'D  
BEEN JUST REALLY BRUTALIZED.  
ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS...  
YOU KNOW... IT COULD'VE  
BEEN ME!

ROXXAS IS SUSPECTED OF  
LEAVING A TRAIL OF BODIES SINCE  
HIS UNEXPLAINED RELEASE EARLIER  
THIS YEAR FROM LABYRINTH, THE  
PRISON PLANET.



UPV CHANNEL 4 RECENTLY  
INTERVIEWED WARDEN TSAQUIN  
ON THE MATTER...



I HAVE NEVER SO  
STRENUIOSLY OBJECTED TO A  
RELEASE IN MY LIFE. WHOEVER  
ENGINEERED IT IS CRAZIER  
THAN ROXXAS.

ROXXAS IS NOW SUSPECTED  
OF SOME THREE DOZEN  
RECENT MURDERS...

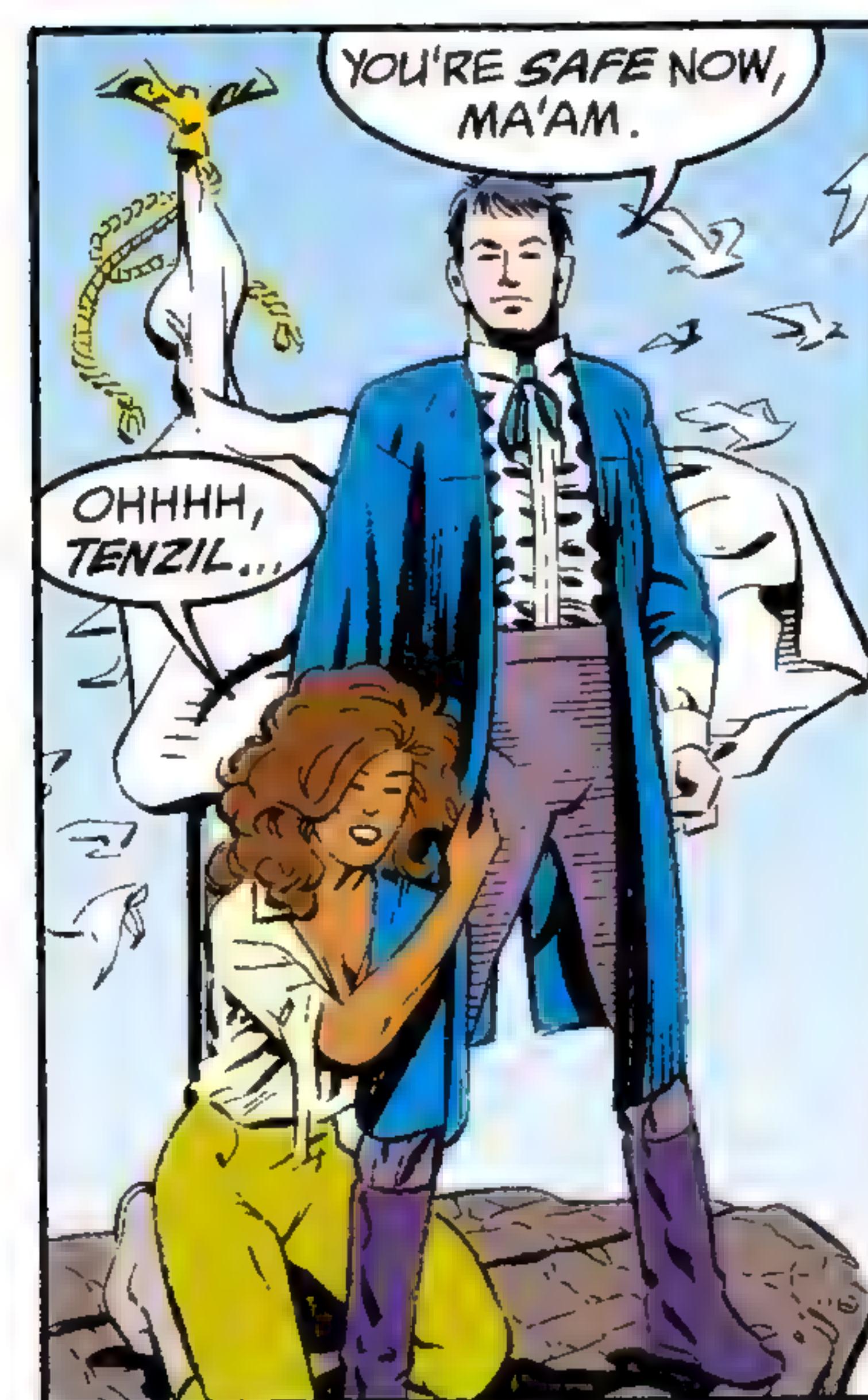
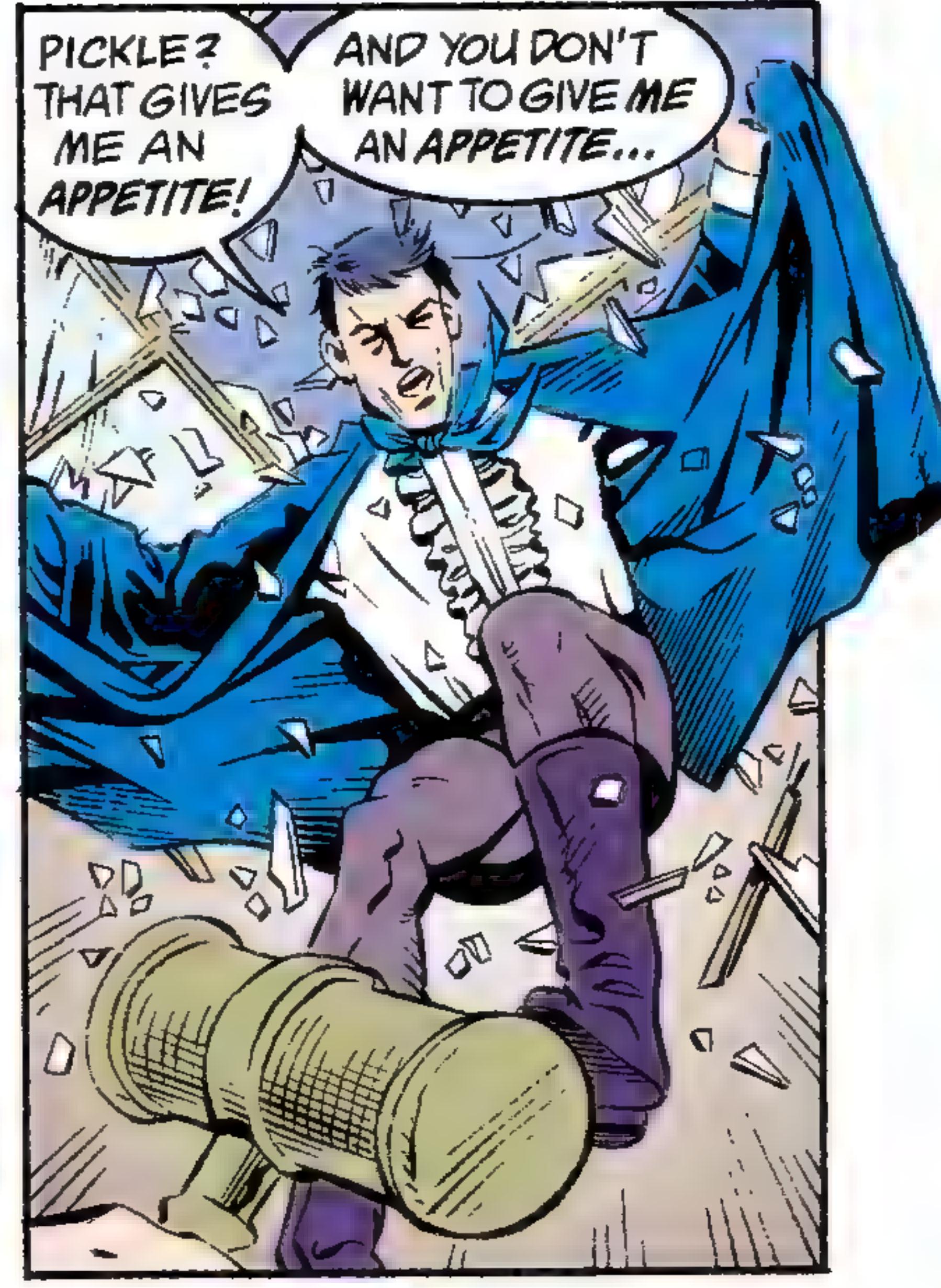


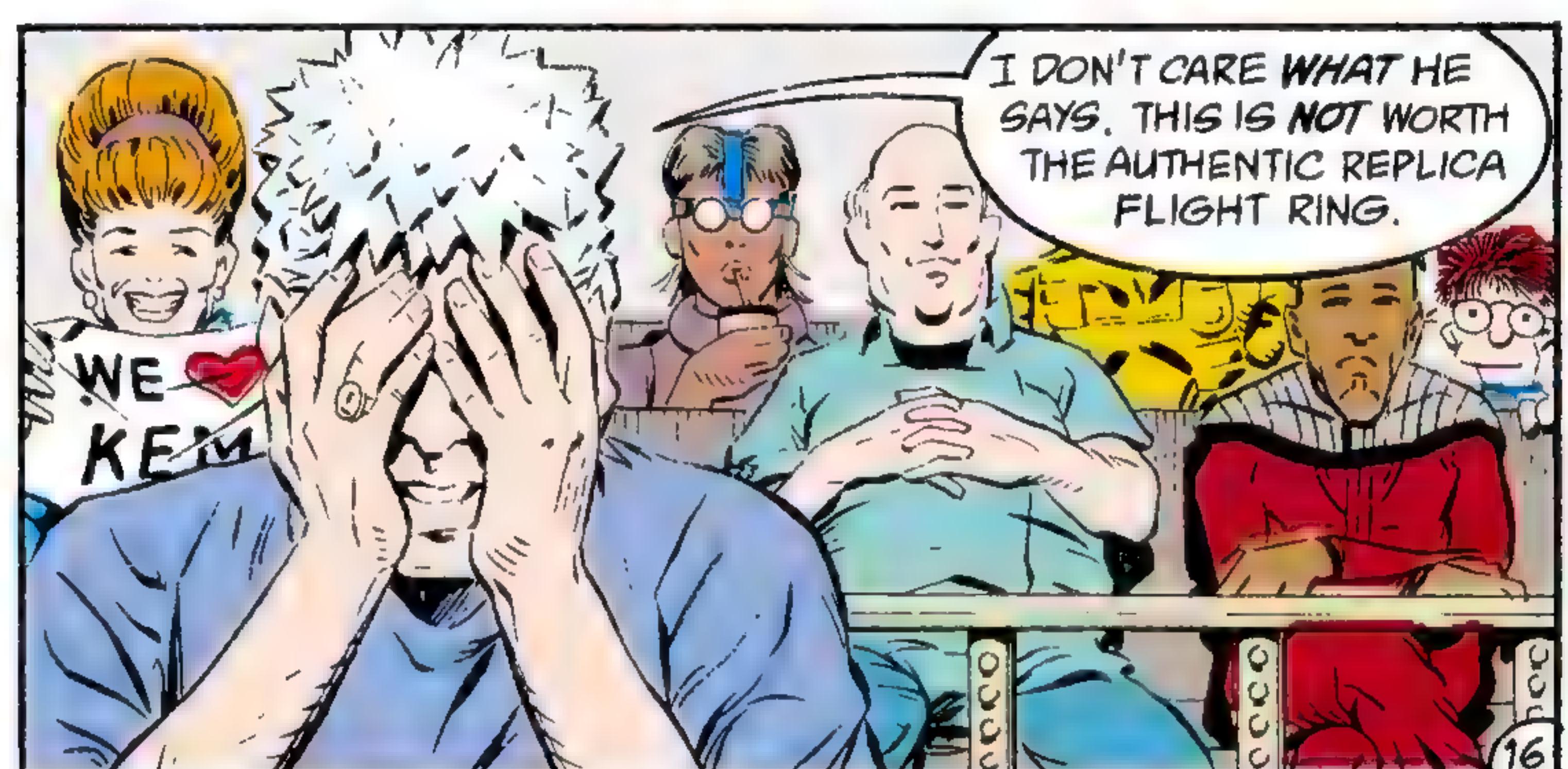
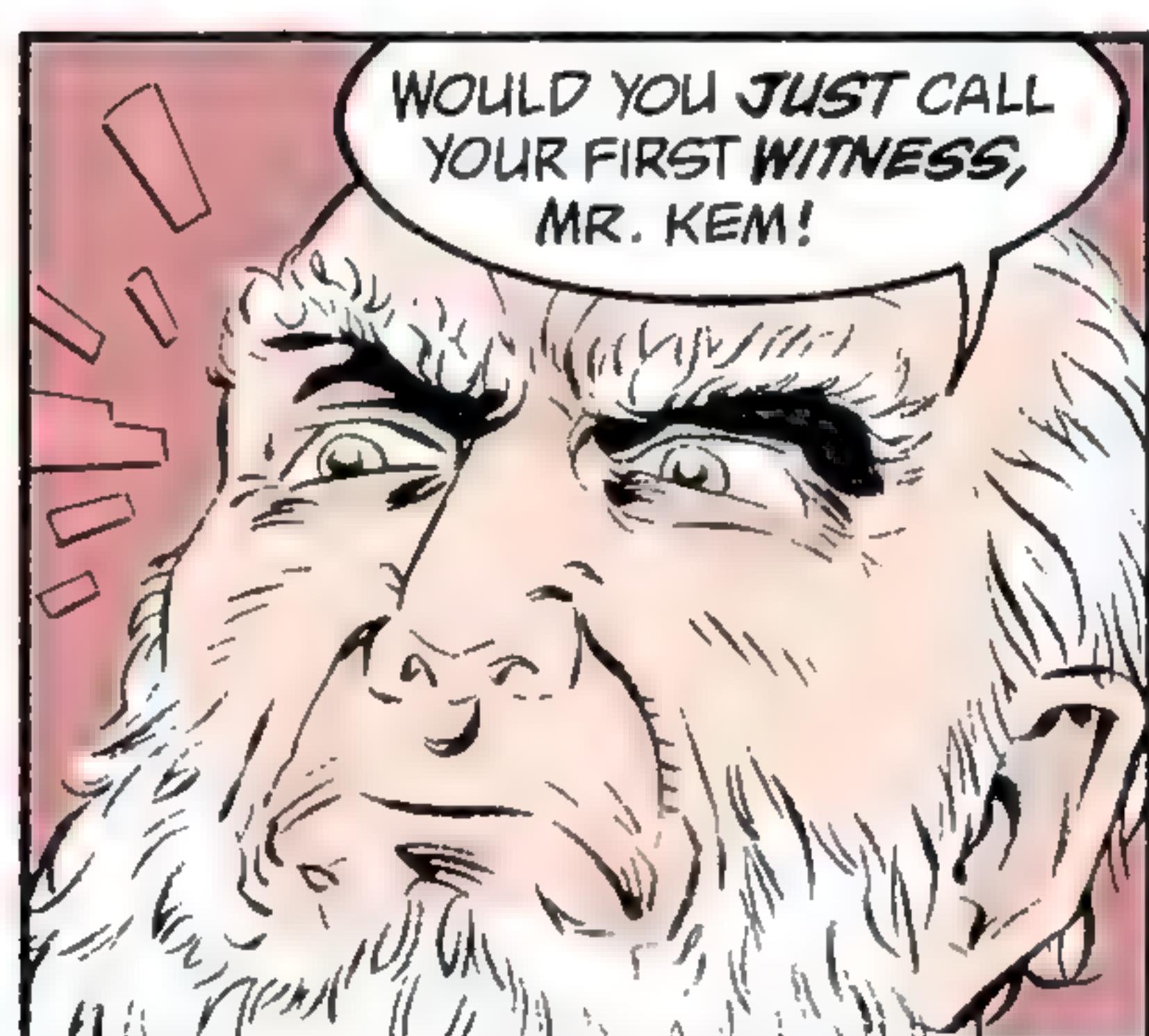
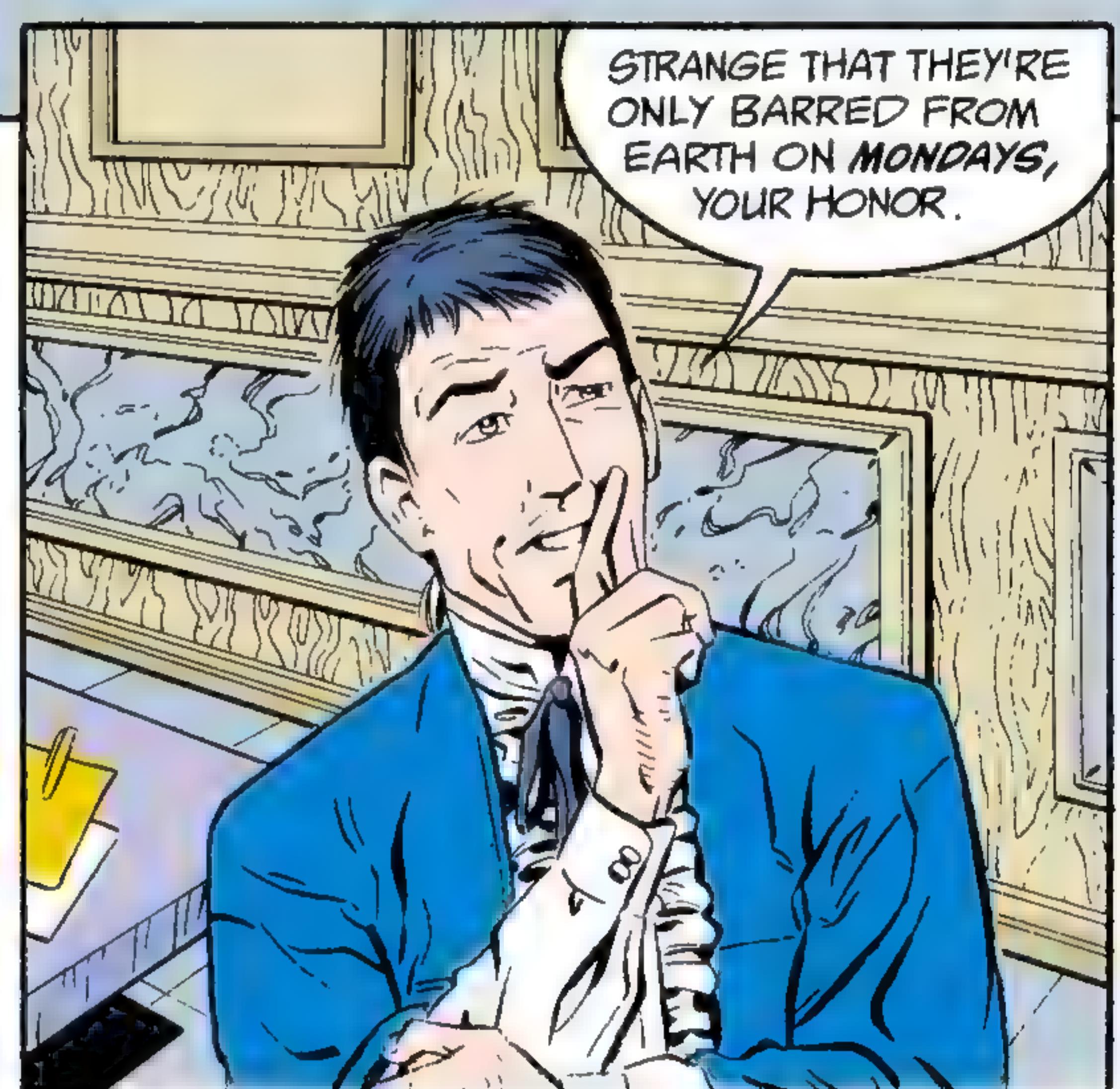
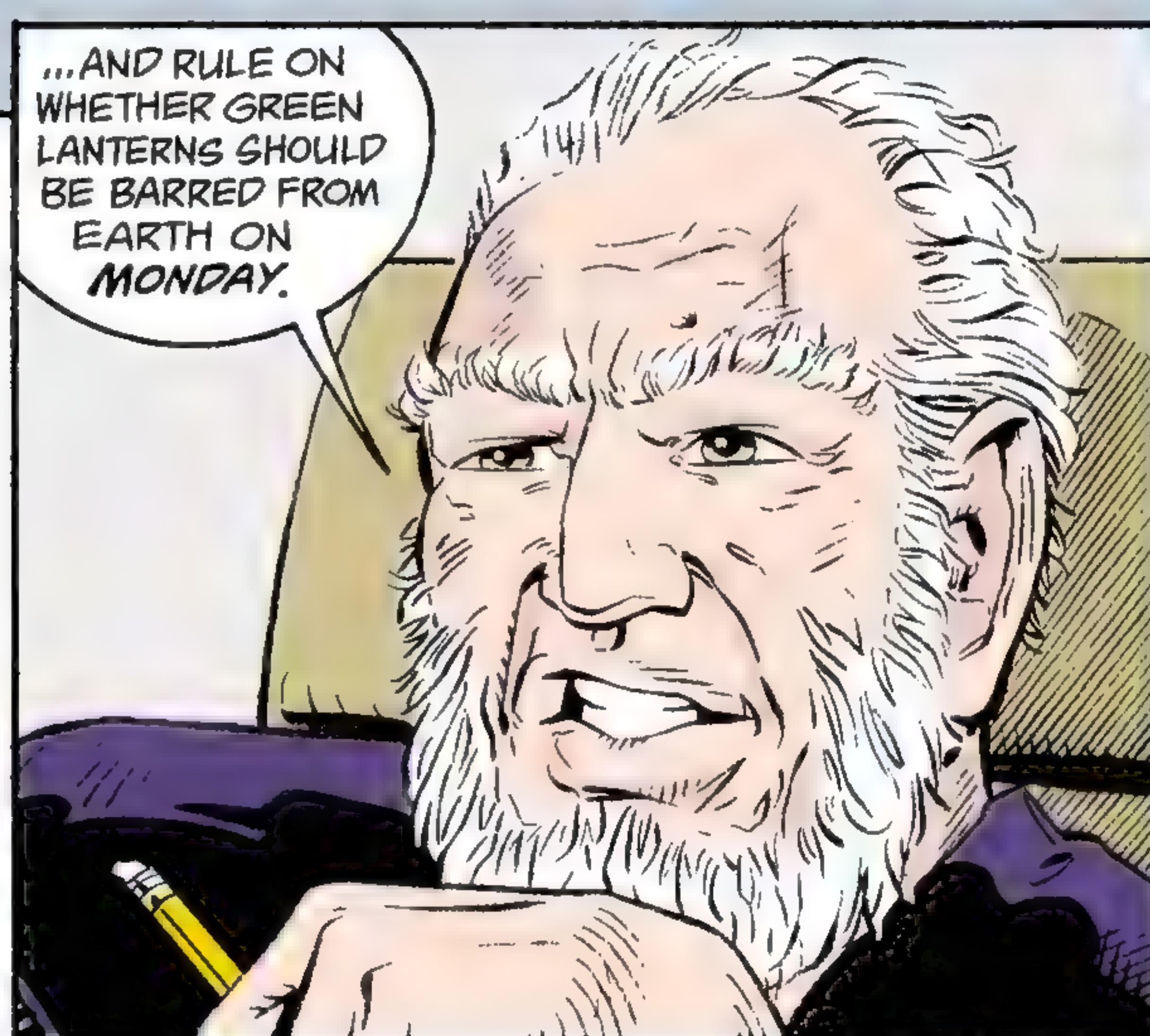
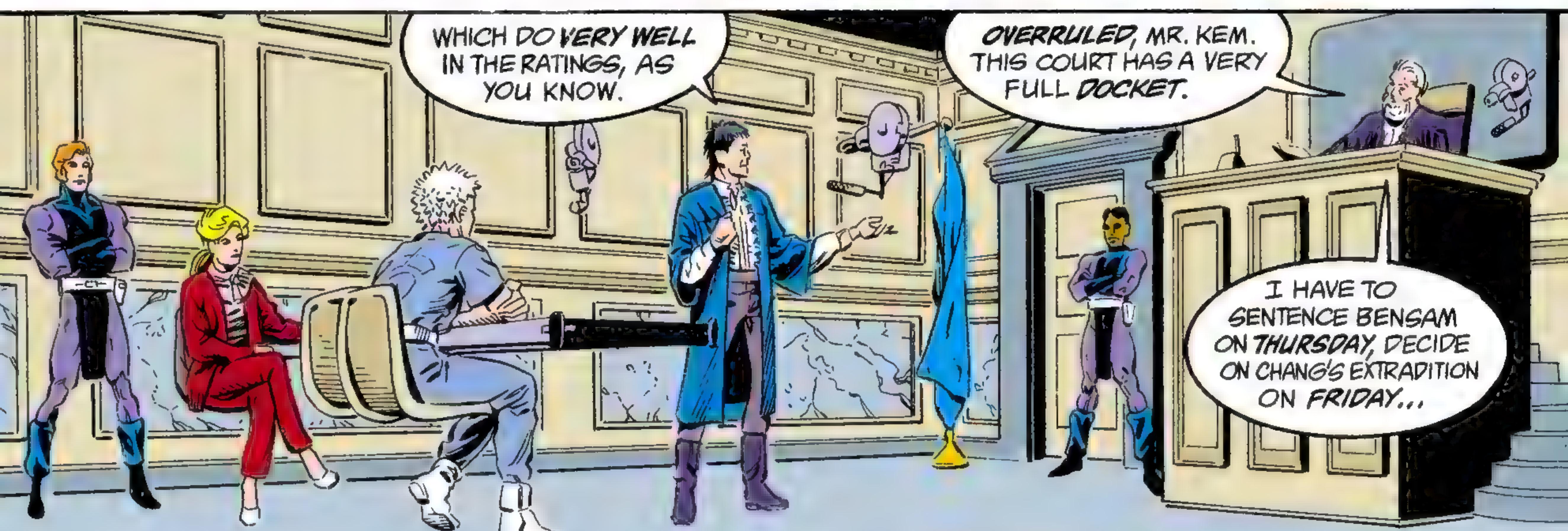
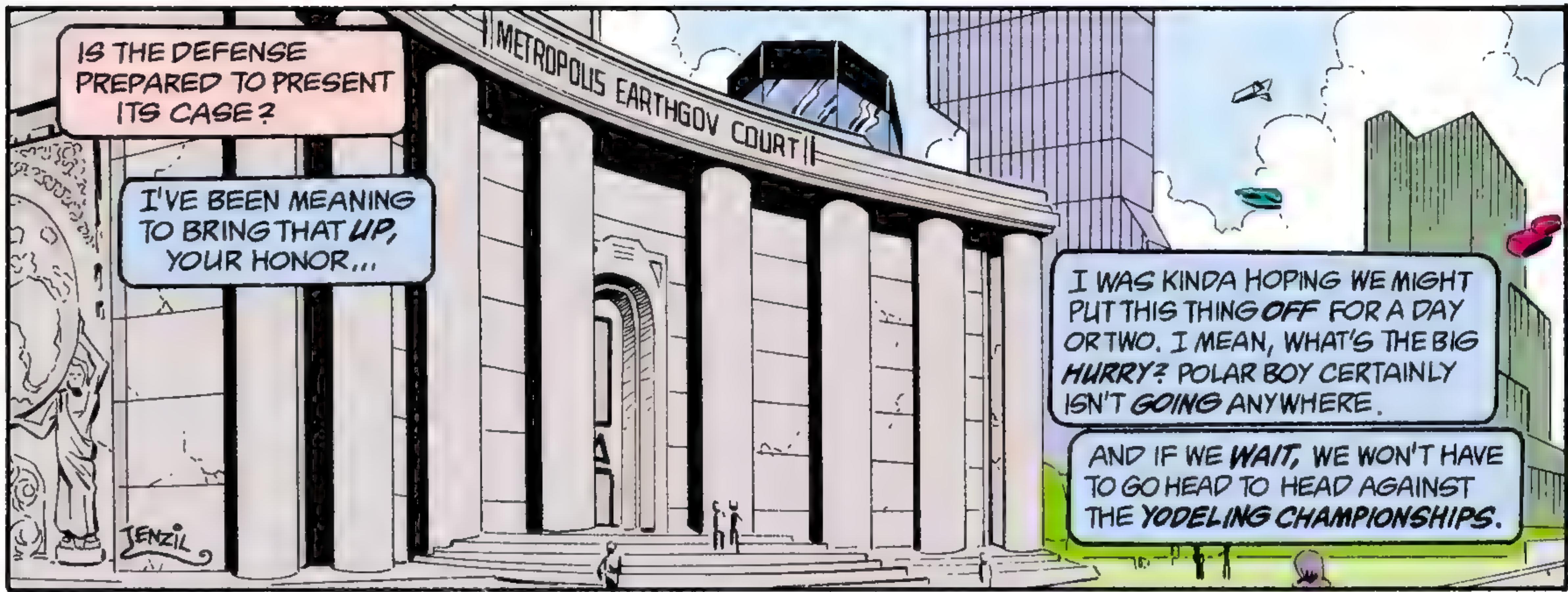
...INCLUDING THOSE  
OF FORMER LEGIONNAIRES  
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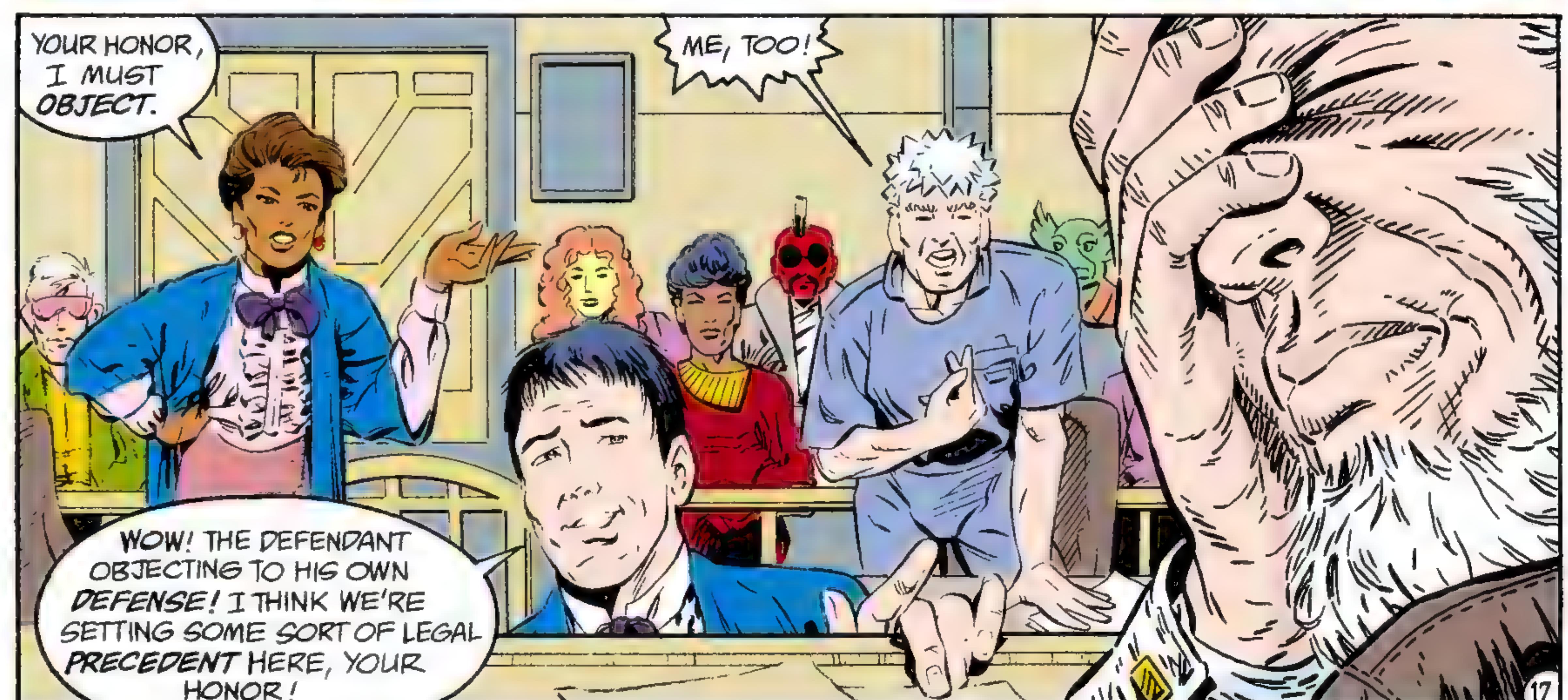
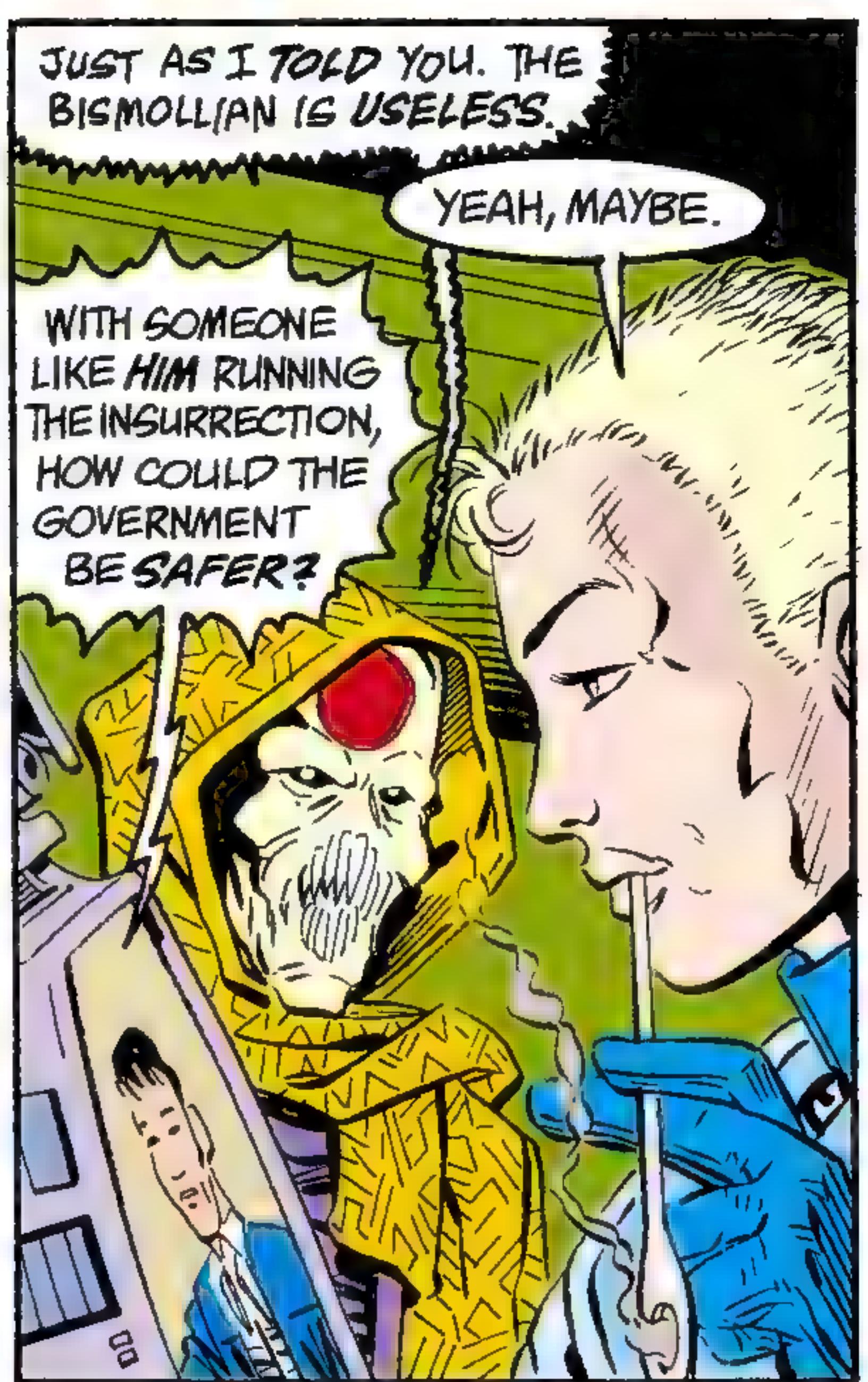
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AS THEY OCCUR.

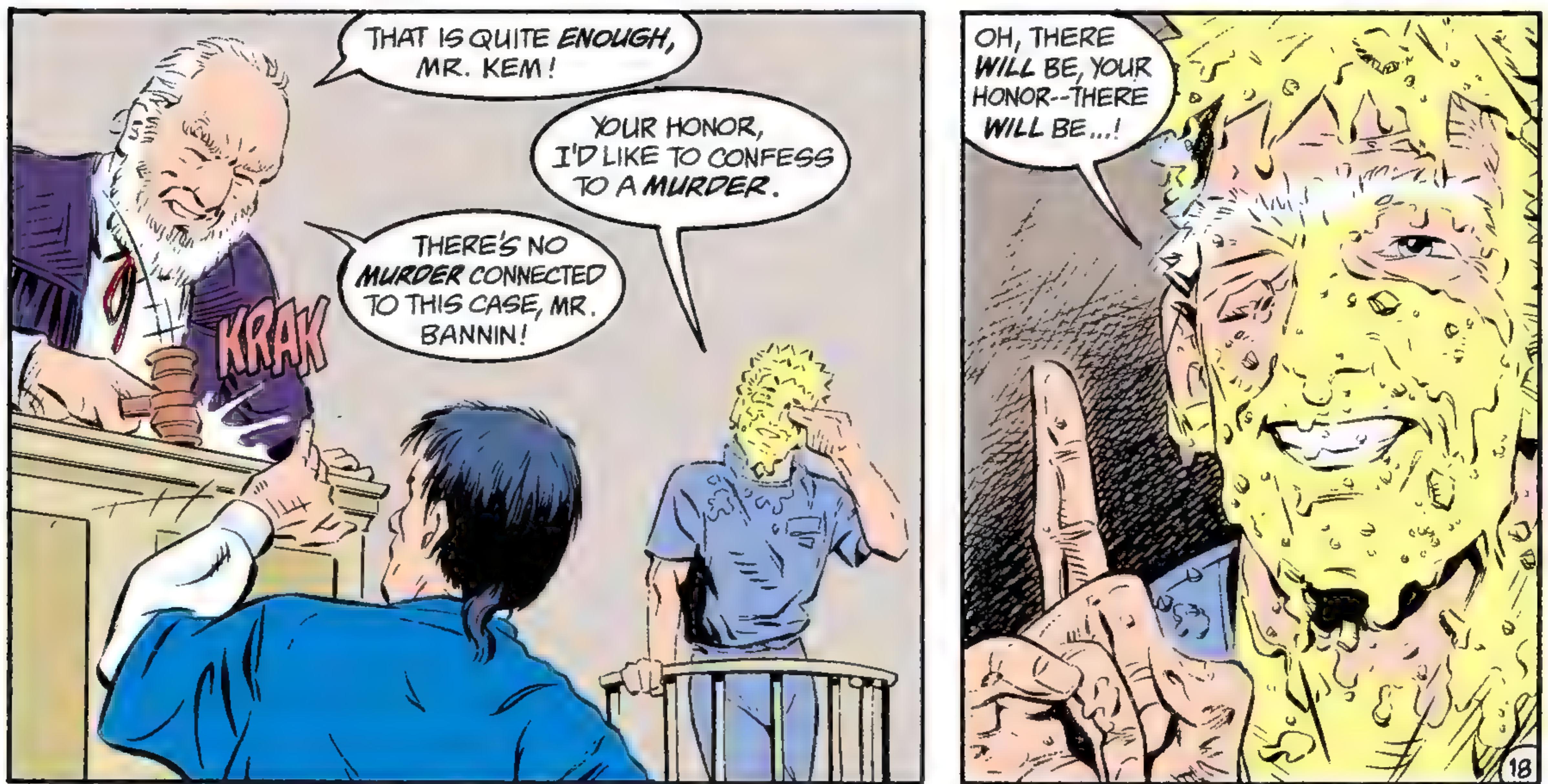
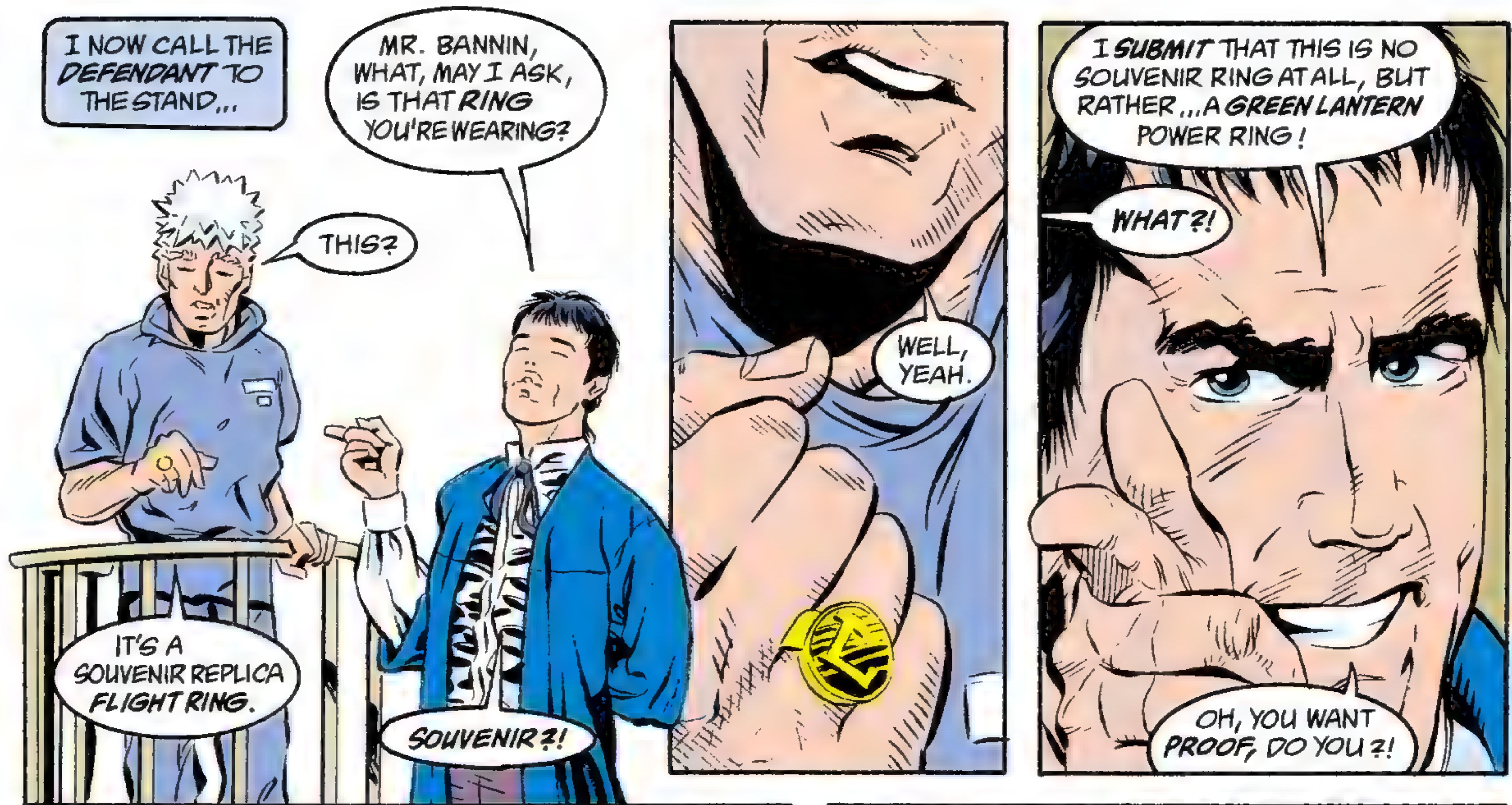
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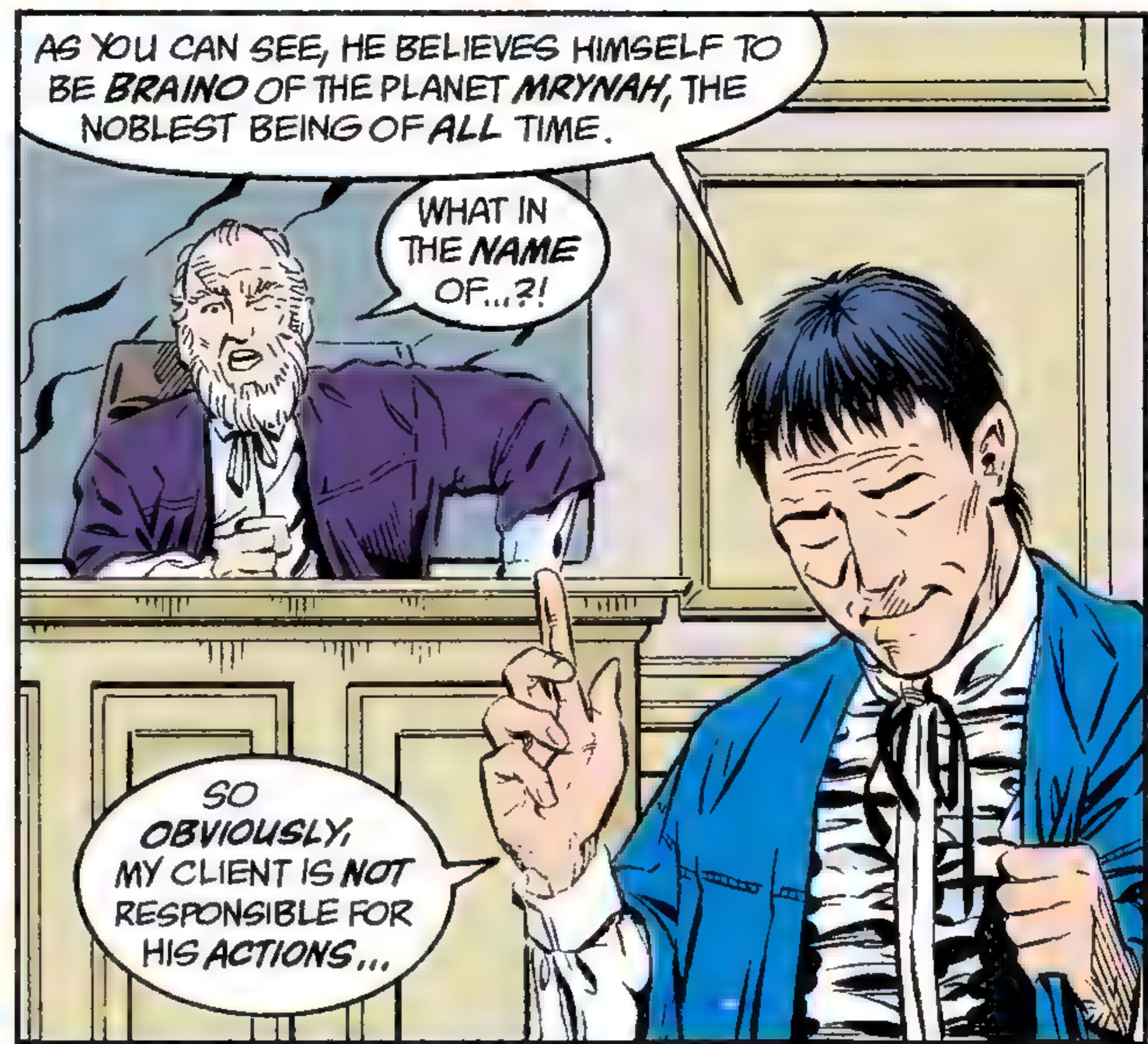
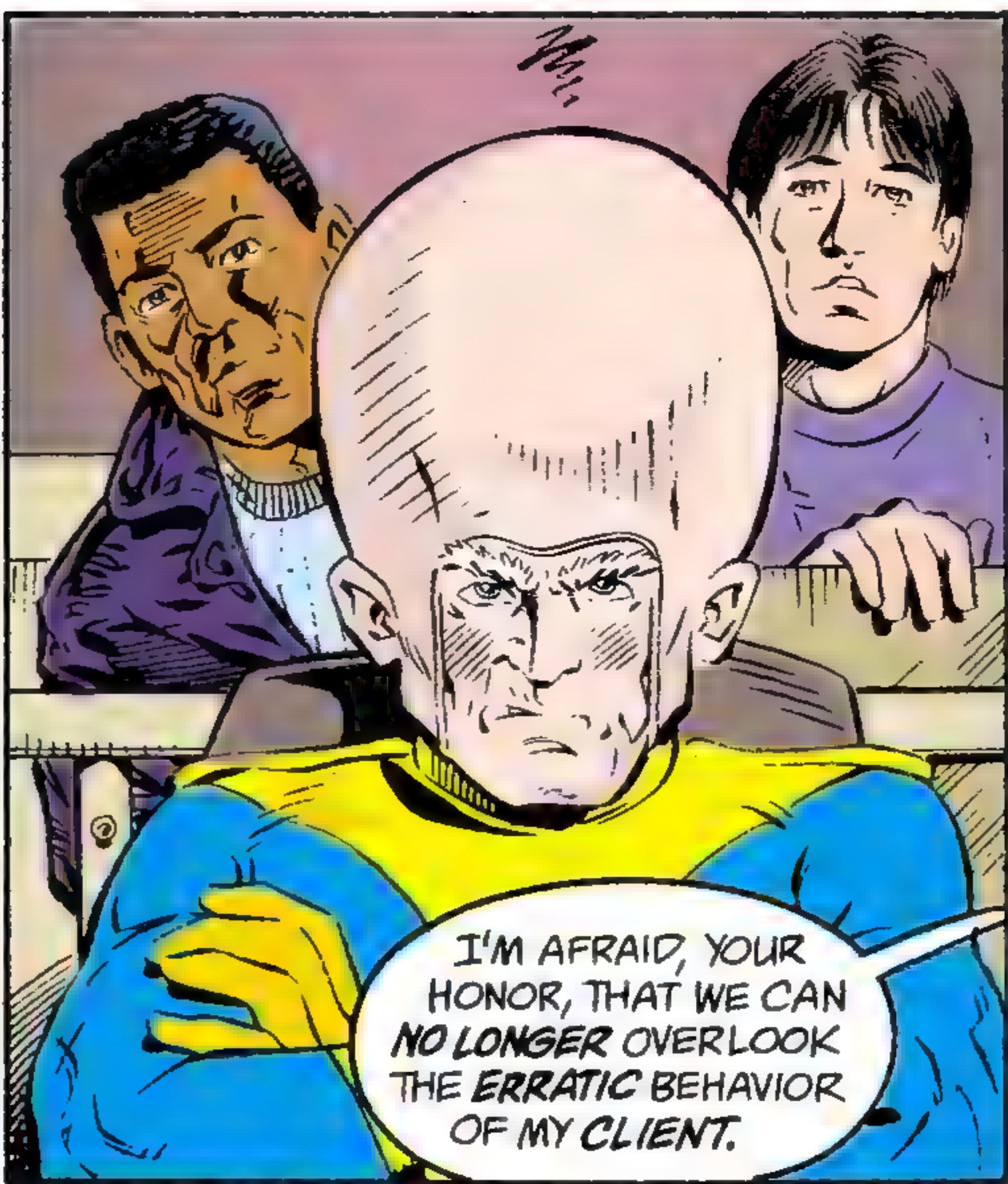
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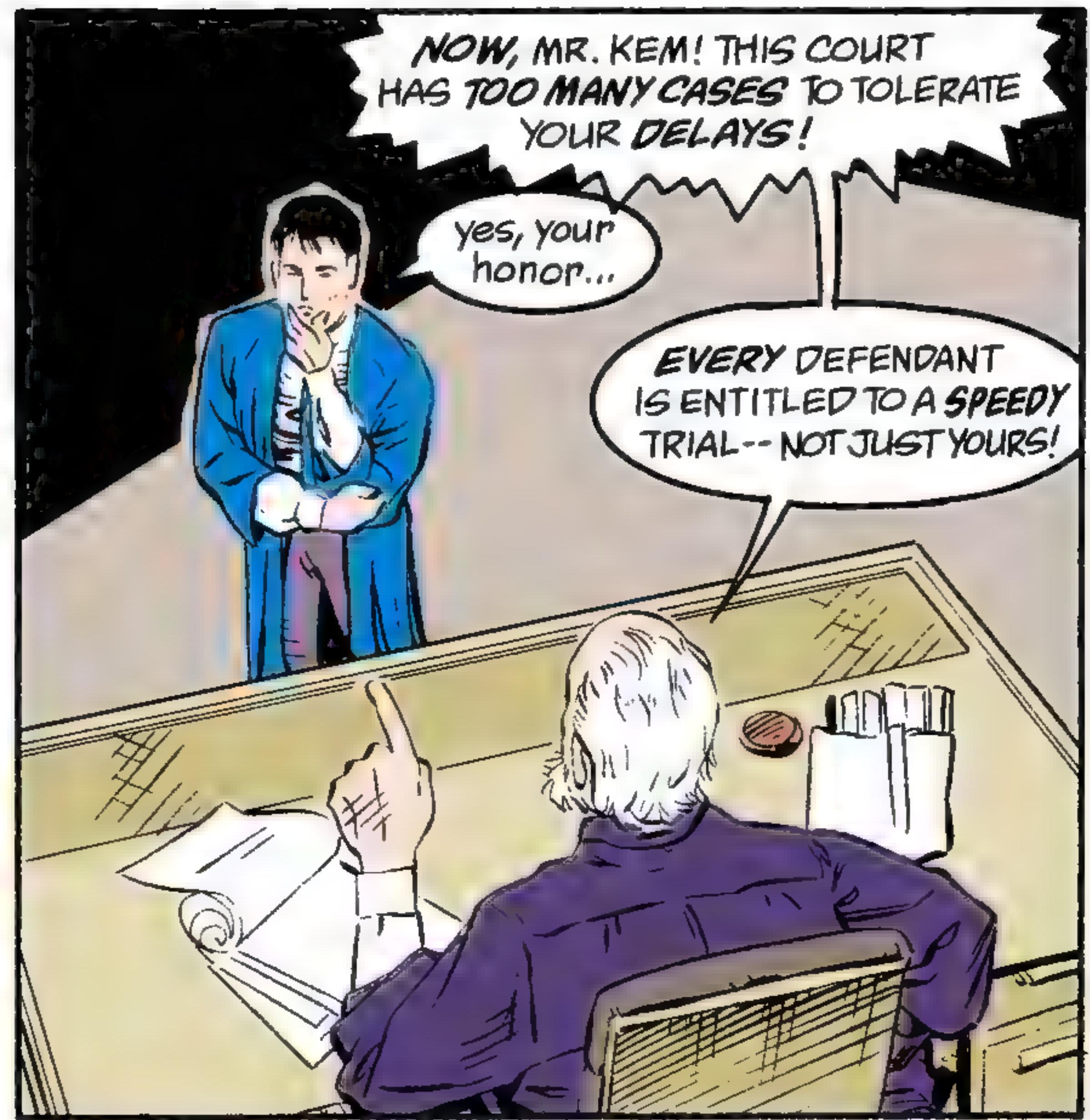


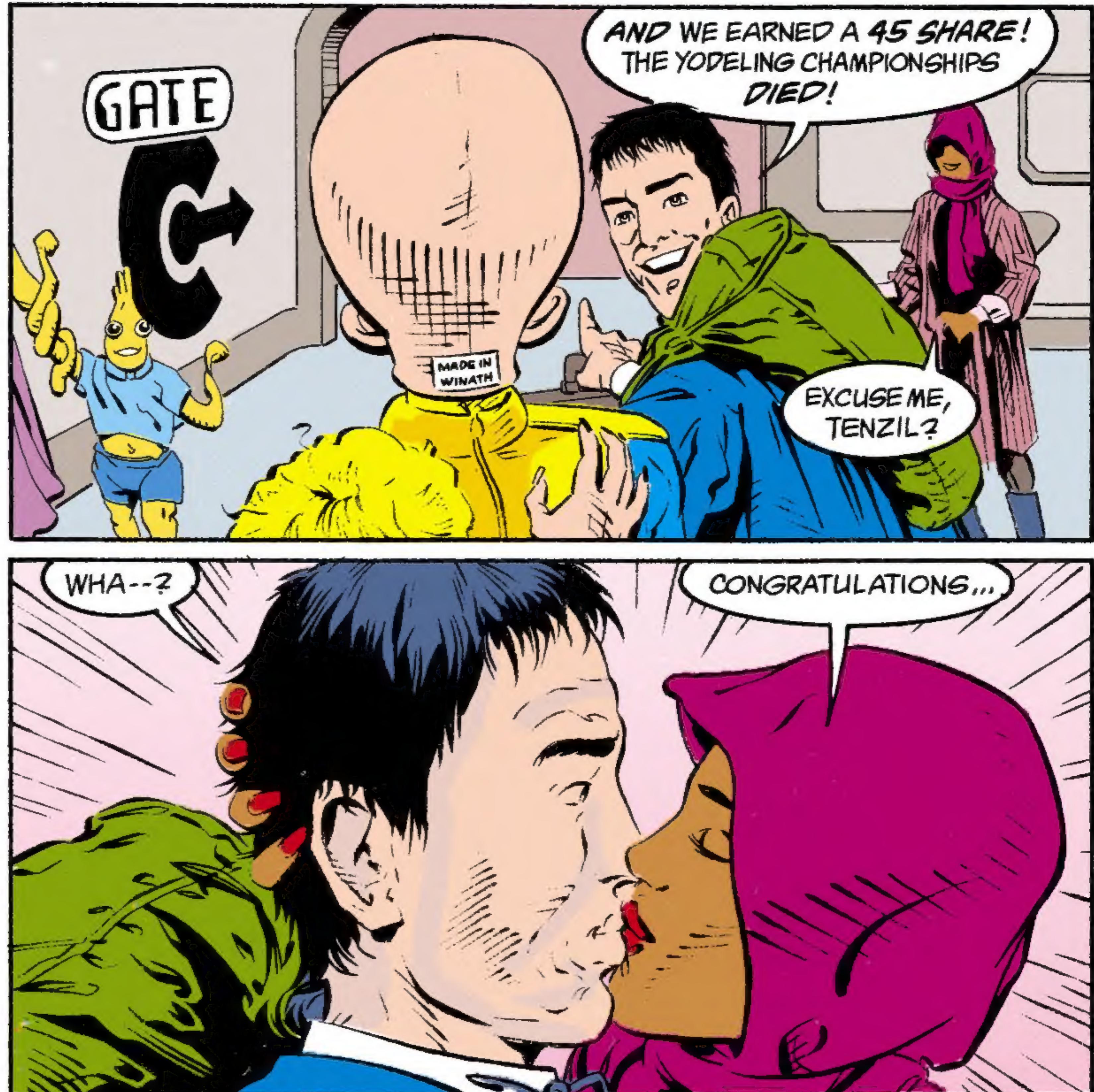
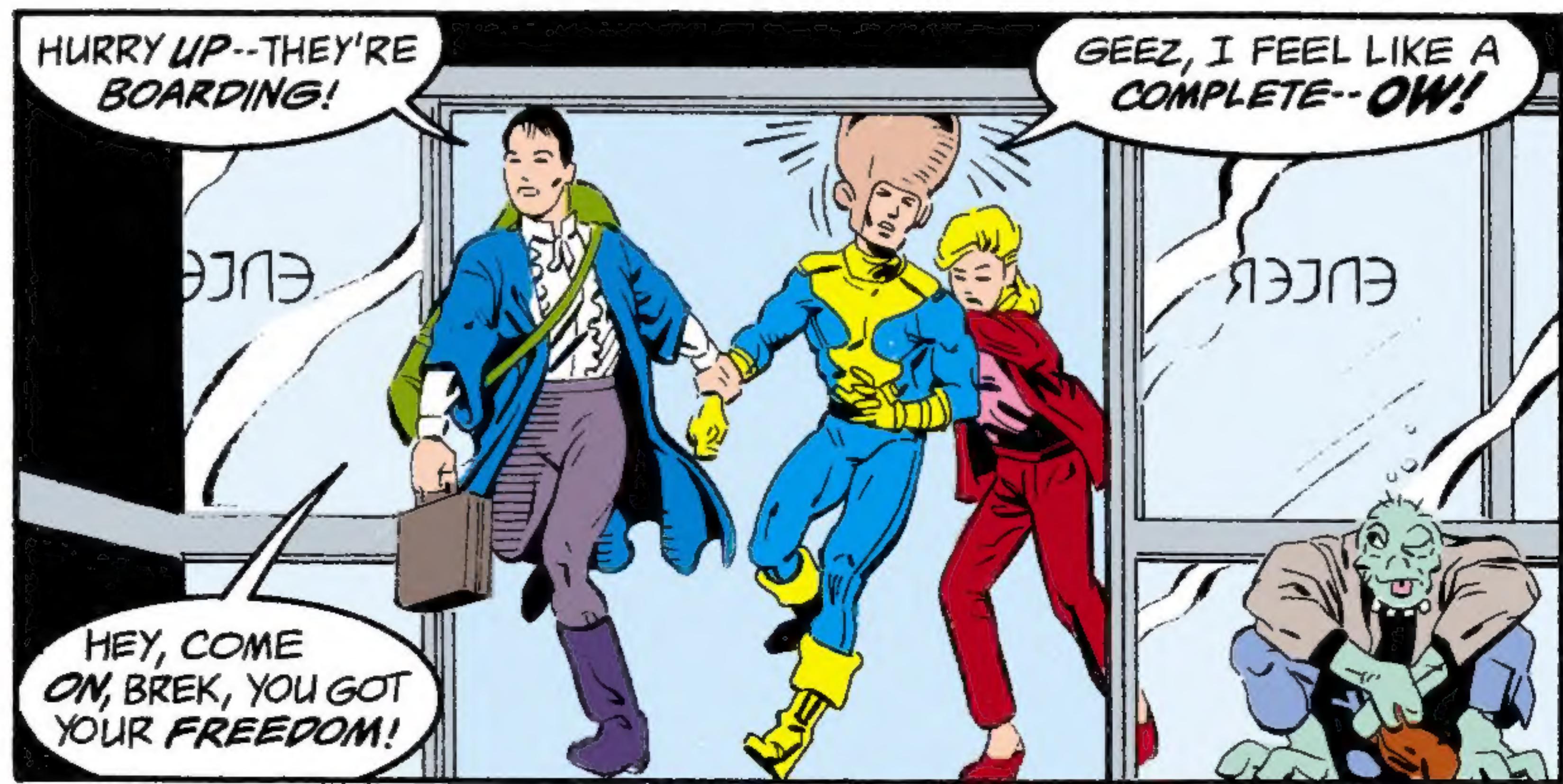












## Holo Scene

A Critical Look At This Week's Entertainment, with Bril Tone and Har Daws  
IPV Channel 104, Dec. 5, 2994, 7:30-8 p.m., Excerpt from Transcript



**Tone:** Next up on "Holo Scene," a look at "Tenzil for the Defense," the alleged courtroom drama starring Bismoll's Sen. Tenzil Kem.

Now, if the *ratings* are to be believed, viewers are eating this stuff up. Some of you will remember when this show used to be "Legislative Horizons" and you couldn't *make up* numbers small enough to measure its audience. Then Sen. Kem came along with his dancing girls and animal acts, and a stale little discussion program became the highest-rated show Bismoll had ever produced. And as he's changed formats, the show keeps climbing up that Box Scores list.

But *I'm* having trouble figuring out how to even *describe* this new series. They tell me it's a courtroom drama. Maybe it's supposed to be a comedy. *I* think it's a *mystery*. And the mystery is, why would anybody watch it voluntarily?

The drama isn't dramatic and the comedy isn't funny. There's even a pie in the face for poor old Polar Boy. Now, come on, people! Isn't it time somebody treated that poor guy with a little respect?

And I won't even get *into* how this show treats women, which is very sexist.

But ultimately, "Tenzil for the Defense" doesn't fail because of *these* flaws, though they certainly don't help. It fails because its courtroom setting lacks any semblance of credibility. You simply cannot believe any of this nonsense could actually take place in the lofty halls of the Earthgov courts.

And for its complete lack of credibility, I have to give "Tenzil for the Defense" an appendage down.

**Daws:** You know, it surprises me to hear you say that. I thought the setting was very credible. I thought the courtroom scenes rang true.

**Tone:** You *believed* those courtroom scenes? You *bought* that Braino business?

**Daws:** Within the context of the satirical intent, I thought it worked. I had no problem with it. I thought the program was making a valid statement about how the legal system can be used unfairly against an enemy of the government. I thought it did that very well.

**Tone:** I thought it was a tired old cliché. The poor, innocent defendant being railroaded by the Big Eye in the Sky. We've seen that story done a hundred times before, and *better* than this.

**Daws:** Well, I thought the story rang true. I thought the performances were convincing. "Tenzil for the Defense" is sometimes very dramatic and sometimes funny, if you laugh at this sort of thing.

That's not the problem with "Tenzil for the Defense." The *problem* is that Tenzil Kem is an elected official of the Planet Bismoll. He's being paid taxpayers' money to represent the people of his native planet. I mean, there's a depression going on here, folks, and this guy is out having a grand old time at the taxpayers' expense. That's supposed to be *funny*?

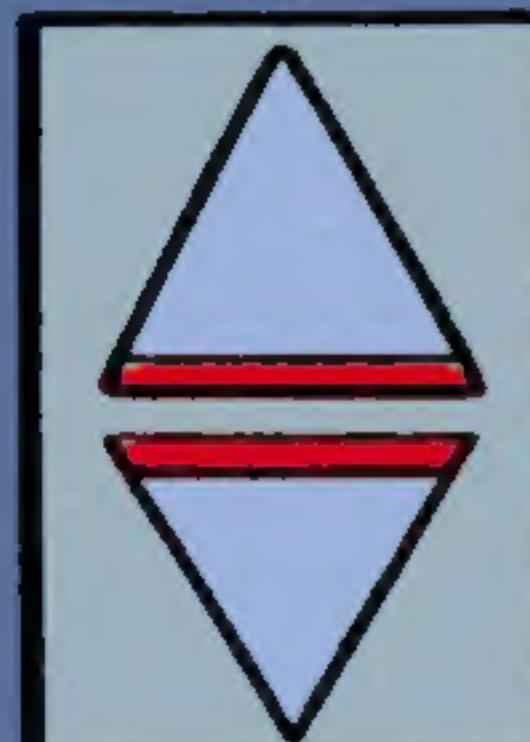
Yes, we've all heard the stories that he'd rather *not* be living the life of a politician, that he's serving against his will—of how he's just begging Bismollgov to bounce him from the legislature so he can go back to playing Legionnaire.

And sure, they say this show is putting more tax credits into the government coffers than his salary and expenses combined. That's all well and good.

But who's representing those Bismolian voters? Who's tending to the important issues of that planet? Certainly not Sen. Kem, who's too busy out playing television star.

For that reason, I have to give "Tenzil for the Defense" an appendage down.

**Tone:** So, recapping, I said "Tenzil for the Defense" lacks credibility, it's sexist, the drama isn't dramatic, the comedy isn't funny. Har disagreed, saying he *believed* the courtroom scenes, but that Kem could be putting the taxpayers' credits to better use than this.



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